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## PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION

### ELECTRON TUBES

#### GENERAL SPECIFICATION FOR

This specification is approved for use by all Departments and Agencies of the Department of Defense.

#### 1. SCOPE

1.1 Scope. This specification covers the general requirements and ratings for electron tubes used by the military departments.

1.2 Classification. This specification is applicable to electron tubes classified in, but not limited to, the categories listed below. The main category into which each tube is classified is indicated in the title of the tube specification sheet (TSS). The subcategory is included as the initial item under the description heading: for example, ELECTRON TUBE, KLYSTRON - - - DESCRIPTION: Reflex oscillator.

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| 1. Beam Switching                       | 10. Graphic Indicator<br>Numerical Indicator |
| 2. Cathode Ray                          | 11. Gyrotron                                 |
| a. Electrostatic or Magnetic Focus      | 12. Ignitron                                 |
| b. Electrostatic or Magnetic Deflection | 13. Image Converter                          |
| c. Multi-gun (specify number of guns)   | 14. Image Orthicon                           |
| 3. Cathode-Ray Charge Storage           | 15. Klystron                                 |
| a. Visual Output (direct view)          | a. Reflex Oscillator                         |
| b. Electrical Output                    | b. Amplifier                                 |
| 4. Cold Cathode                         | c. Pulse                                     |
| a. Triode                               | d. Continuous Wave (CW)                      |
| b. Rectifier                            | 16. Magnetron                                |
| 5. Corona Voltage Regulators            | a. Pulse                                     |
| 6. Cross Field Amplifier                | b. Coaxial                                   |
| 7. Electron Multiplier                  | c. Continuous Wave (CW)                      |
| 8. Electron Ray Indicator               | d. Voltage Tunable                           |
| 9. Gas-Switching                        | 17. M-Type Backward Wave                     |
| a. ATR (anti-transmit-receive)          | 18. Negative Grid (microwave)                |
| b. Dual-TR (transmit-receive)           |  |
| c. Pre-TR                               |  |
| d. TR                                   |  |

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1.2 Classification. - Continued.

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| 19. Noise Source          | 24. Radiation Counter                |
| a. Vacuum Diode           | Geiger Mueller                       |
| b. Gas Discharge          |                                      |
| 20. O-Type Backward Wave  | 25. Receiving                        |
|                           | a. Diode                             |
| 21. Phototube             | b. Triode                            |
| a. Gas                    | c. Tetrode                           |
| b. Infrared               | d. Pentode                           |
| c. Multiplier             | e. Rectifier                         |
| d. Vacuum                 | f. Power                             |
| 22. Power or Transmitting | 26. Stabilotron                      |
| a. Diode                  |                                      |
| b. Triode                 | 27. Thyatron                         |
| c. Tetrode                |                                      |
| d. Pentode                | 28. Traveling Wave (or forward wave) |
| e. Rectifier              |                                      |
| 23. Pulse Modulator       | 29. Vidicon                          |
| a. Hydrogen               |                                      |
| b. Vacuum                 | 30. Voltage Regulator                |
|                           | Glow Discharge                       |

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

2.1 General. The documents listed in this section are specified in sections 3 and 4 of this specification. This section does not include documents cited in other sections of this specification or recommended for additional information or as examples. While every effort has been made to ensure the completeness of this list, document users are cautioned that they must meet all specified requirements of documents cited in sections 3 and 4 of this specification, whether or not they are listed.

2.2 Government documents.

2.2.1 Specifications, standards, and handbooks. The following specifications, standards, and handbooks form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise specified, the issues of these documents are those cited in the solicitation or contract.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STANDARDS

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| MIL-STD-129  | - | Military Marking for Shipment and Storage. |
| MIL-STD-1311 | - | Test Methods for Electron Tubes.           |

(Copies of these documents are available online at <https://assist.daps.dla.mil/> or from Standardization Document Order Desk, Building 4D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.)

2.3 Non-Government publications. The following documents form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise specified, issues of these documents are those cited in the solicitation or contract (see 6.2).

Electronic Components Association, (ECA)

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| EIA-235 | - | Color Codes for Microwave Devices with Wire Leads including Traveling Wave Tubes, Klystrons, Crossed Field Devices, Electromagnetic Leads. |
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(Copies of this document are available online at <http://www.global.ihs.com> (Global Engineering Documents website) or from the Electronic Components Association, (ECA), 2500 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 310 Arlington, VA 22201-3834.)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STANDARDS LABORATORIES (NCSL)

NCSL-Z540.3 - Calibration Laboratories and Measuring and Test Equipment.

(Copies are available online at <http://www.ncsli.org> or from National Conference of Standards Laboratories [NCSL], 2995 Wilderness Place Suite 107, Boulder, Colorado 80301-5405.)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO)

ISO10012 - Equipment, Quality Assurance Requirements For Measuring – Part 1: Metrological Confirmation System For Measuring Equipment.

(Copies are available online at <http://iso.org> or <http://www.iso.org/iso/home.htm> or from American National Standards Institute, 13th Floor, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036-0350.)

2.4 Order of precedence. Unless otherwise noted herein or in the contract, in the event of a conflict between the text of this document and the references cited herein (except for related tube specification sheets), the text of this document takes precedence. Nothing in this document, however, supersedes applicable laws and regulations unless a specific exemption has been obtained.

3. REQUIREMENTS

3.1 General. The manufacturer of electron tubes, in compliance with this specification, shall have and use production and test facilities and quality and reliability assurance program adequate to assure successful compliance with provisions of this specification and the TSS. Adequacy of an electron tube manufacturer to meet requirements of this specification shall be determined by the Government qualifying activity (DLA Land and Maritime, ATTN -VQE, [vqe.chief@dla.mil](mailto:vqe.chief@dla.mil)). Individual item requirements shall be as specified in the TSS and herein. Only electron tubes that are inspected for and meet all requirements of this specification and the TSS shall be marked as compliant and delivered. Any military specification, standard, or handbook referred to in this specification may be replaced by an equivalent commercial standard as determined by the preparing activity ([TubesAmps@dsc.dla.mil](mailto:TubesAmps@dsc.dla.mil)).

3.1.1 Tube specification sheet (TSS). The individual electron tube requirements shall be as specified herein and in accordance with the applicable TSS. The following order of precedence and exceptions shall govern:

- a. Order of precedence: In the event of conflict between this specification, MIL-STD-1311, and the TSS, and unless otherwise specified (see exceptions below), the TSS shall take precedence. To determine applicable test conditions, however, the following order shall govern:
  - (1) The requirements specified in the contract or purchase order.
  - (2) The test condition specified on the TSS for a particular test method, as indicated in the "Conditions" column.
  - (3) The test condition specified in a particular test method.
  - (4) The general test conditions specified on the TSS (usually located on the first page).
  - (5) The test conditions specified in MIL-STD-1311 under "General" instructions and conditions.
- b. Exceptions:
  - (1) Limited coordination (LC) specification. The marking requirements of this specification shall apply to all tubes acquired to single-service (LC) specifications. (The "JAN" prefix shall be used in lieu of "USA", "USAF", or "USN").
  - (2) Military designator "M". Use of the letter "M" as a military designator on tubes and specification sheets shall be discontinued and where already assigned, shall be disregarded.

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- (3) MIL-STD-1311, method 1501A. If there are conflicting requirements between this specification, MIL-STD-1311, and the TSS, the TSS requirements shall be secondary.
- (4) Acceptance level and LTPD. If there are conflicting requirements between this specification, MIL-STD-1311, and the TSS, the general specification shall take precedence (see 4.3).

3.1.2 Terms, definitions, methods, abbreviations, and symbols. The terms, definitions, methods, abbreviations, and symbols used in conjunction with electron tubes shall be in accordance with appendices A and B.

3.2 Qualification. Unless an exception is allowed by the TSS, all tubes furnished under this specification shall be products that are authorized by the qualifying activity (see 3.1) for listing on the applicable qualified products list (QPL-1; <http://www.dscc.dla.mil/programs/qmlqpl/>) before contract award (see 4.1.b, 4.2, and 6.3).

3.3 First article. When specified in the TSS and required by the acquiring activity, tubes furnished under this specification shall be products that have been tested and have passed the first article inspection specified in 4.1c and appendix E. Unless specified in TSS, contract or purchase order the sample size shall be selected in accordance with table II for first article inspection.

3.4 Critical interfaces. The critical interfaces of an electron tube shall be as specified herein (appendix C and appendix D) and on the TSS.

3.4.1 Base material. Unless otherwise specified, all electron tube bases shall be fabricated from material having suitable physical electrical and mechanical properties to meet all the specified requirements of the TSS.

3.4.2 Base connections. Electrode connections to base pins shall be as specified. Pins designated as "int con" are not suitable for connection to external circuits. Pins designated as "nc" shall have no connections made to them within the tube.

3.4.3 Base cementing. Receiving tubes and cathode-ray tubes which have leads soldered into the pins shall have the base cemented to the envelope. Base cement is not required for metal tubes, or metal enclosed glass tubes with envelope skirt mechanically crimped to the base, or for button heater solid lead receiving tubes.

3.4.4 Color coding. Insulation on flying leads for microwave tubes shall be color coded in accordance with EIA-235-C.

3.4.5 Absolute ratings. The values specified on the TSS under "maximum" or "minimum" are based on the "absolute system" and are not to be exceeded under any service conditions. These ratings are limiting values outside which the serviceability of any individual tube may be impaired. In order not to exceed absolute ratings, the designer has the responsibility of determining an average design value for each rating below and absolute value of that rating by a safety factor. The absolute values are never to be exceeded under any usual conditions of supply-voltage variation, load variation, or manufacturing variations in the equipment itself. It does not necessarily follow that any combination of absolute maximum ratings can be attained simultaneously. The maximum and minimum ratings designate the maximum or minimum of the absolute value of that rating regardless of polarity.

3.4.5.1 Barometric pressure (altitude) rating. In the event that the specified rating is exceeded, reduction of instantaneous voltages (excluding filament or heater voltage) may be required.

3.4.5.2 Receiving tube ratings. Receiving tube ratings specified on the TSS are absolute maximum values for an individual tube, and equipment should be designed with this fact in mind. However, these ratings may be exceeded only as indicated in 3.4.5.2.1 and 3.4.5.2.2 without appreciable deterioration in tube life.

3.4.5.2.1 Anode voltage. Unless otherwise specified, the average anode voltage (averaging time 0.1 second) should not exceed the maximum rated dc anode voltage; and the peak positive anode voltage should not exceed twice the maximum rated dc anode voltage.

3.4.5.2.2 Screen voltage. Maximum screen voltage may be exceeded when all the following conditions are met:

- a. The screen voltage does not exceed the dc anode voltage rating under any operating conditions.
- b. The anode voltage rating is greater than the screen voltage rating.
- c. The average screen dissipation does not exceed values given by the following formula:

$$P_{g2} \leq P_{g2} \text{ (max rating)} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{E_{c2} - E_{c2} \text{ (max rating)}}{E_b \text{ (max rating)} - E_{c2} \text{ (max rating)}} \right)^2 \right]$$

The formula applies when the average screen voltage is between the maximum rated dc screen voltage and the maximum rated dc anode voltage.

3.4.5.2.3 Reduced pressure (altitude) rating. This rating is applicable to all subminiature, miniature, and other wafer (button) header receiving tube types except high-voltage rectifiers and is based on the minimum pin or lead spacing specified on these types. It does not consider the effects of tube sockets, terminating devices, and environmental effects, such as radiation, which may exist simultaneously at any altitude. [Figure 1](#) specifies the maximum rating of the instantaneous voltage between adjacent pins as a function of air pressure. [Table I](#) indicates an altitude/pressure cross-reference.

NOTE: For operation at any pressure (altitude), the maximum-instantaneous voltage between any adjacent pins is limited in accordance with the rating in [figure 1](#). The equipment designer is cautioned to consider that voltage breakdown is only one factor influenced by altitude, and that other tube ratings, especially temperature, must also be observed. If instantaneous operating voltages not exceeding 280 volts are used between adjacent pins, these types will not have to be derated for altitude effects.

TABLE I. Altitude/pressure conversion.

Altitude (x 1,000 ft)	Pressure Torr (mmHg)	Altitude (x 1,000 ft)	Pressure Torr (mmHg)
50	87.49	130	2.27
55	68.88	140	1.51
60	54.24	150	1.02
70	33.66	160	0.697
80	21.01	170	0.478
90	13.21	180	0.326
100	8.36	190	0.221
110	5.33	200	0.148
120	3.45		

3.4.6 Pure tin. The use of pure tin, as an underplate or final finish, is prohibited both internally and externally. Tin content of electron tube components and solder shall not exceed 97 percent, by mass. Tin shall be alloyed with a minimum of 3 percent lead, by mass (see 6.7).

3.5 Marking. All tubes shall be marked in a legible and permanent manner on the base, envelope, or shell with the information specified in 3.5.1 through 3.5.10, as applicable (see 4.3.7 and MIL-STD-1311 method 1105).

a. Permanent-marking requirements: The following information shall be marked on the tube, as specified in 3.5.b.

- (1) Type number (see 3.5.1).
- (2) "JAN" prefix (see 3.5.2).
- (3) Lot identification (lot date code) (see 3.5.3).
- (4) Manufacturer's designating symbol (CAGE code) (see 3.5.5).
- (5) Service-life guarantee (as required) (see 3.5.8).

b. Permanent marking: Information specified in 3.5.a shall be applied to the tube by a process assuring permanence to the degree that removal can only be accomplished by deliberate mutilation of the marking, or destruction of the tube.

c. Secondary marking other than that in 3.5.a shall be by any method assuring legibility after prolonged use of the tube.

3.5.1 Type number. The tube shall be marked with the type number as indicated in the TSS and as specified herein.

3.5.2 "JAN" prefix. The United States Government has adopted, and exercises legitimate control over certification marks "JAN" and "J" to indicate that items so marked or identified are manufactured to, and meet all requirements of specifications. Items acquired to, and meeting all criteria specified herein and in applicable specifications shall bear the certification mark "JAN" except items too small to bear the mark "JAN" shall bear the letter "J". "JAN" or "J" shall be placed immediately before the part number except that if such location places hardship on the manufacturer, the "JAN" or "J" may be located on the first line above or below the part number. Items furnished under contracts or orders that permit or require deviation from the requirements specified herein or in applicable specifications shall not bear "JAN" or "J". For items failing to meet requirements of this specification and the applicable specification sheets, the manufacturer shall remove the military part numbers and the "JAN" or the "J" from the sample tested and from all items represented by the sample. The "JAN" or "J" certification mark shall not be used on products acquired to contractor drawings or specifications. The United States Government has obtained Certificate of Registration No. 504,860 for the certification mark "JAN" and Registration Number 1,586,261 for the certification mark "J".

3.5.3 Lot identification (lot date code). Each tube shall be marked with the date the tube was produced. The lot date code shall consist of a four digit number: The first two digits shall be the last two digits of the calendar year of manufacture, and the last two digits shall indicate the calendar week of manufacture. When the calendar week is a single digit, it shall be preceded by a zero.

3.5.4 Manufacturer's identification. The tube shall be marked with the name or trademark of the manufacturer who produced the item. The manufacturer's name or trademark shall not appear on the tube unless the manufacturer supplying the tube for the contract is also the equipment manufacturer.

3.5.5 Manufacturer's designating symbol (CAGE code). The manufacturer shall include the manufacturer's designating symbol or CAGE code number.

3.5.6 Country of origin. The phrase "MADE IN USA", or the abbreviation "USA", shall be marked in characters smaller than those used for the tube designation. For tubes made in other countries, the phrase shall be changed accordingly.

3.5.7 Radioactive marking. Tubes with intentionally added radioactive isotopes shall be marked when required in accordance with MIL-STD-129. Where size precludes printing all required data on the tube itself, the standard radiation symbol and the words "accountability required", may be adopted (see [appendix B](#) for correct symbol).

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3.5.8 Service-life guarantee. Provided adequate tube marking area (see 3.5.9) permits, tubes sold under service-life guarantee shall be marked with the following additional markings: contract number and the number of system-deployed tube operating hours guaranteed (see 4.5 and 6.2). When inadequate marking area precludes inclusion of service-life guarantee and contract number marking, these markings may be omitted, as long as the marking information is placed on the unit pack, as required in 3.5.9.

3.5.9 Inadequate marking area. Tubes having inadequate marking area for all applicable markings (due to size or effects on operating characteristics of the tube) shall have the type number, the JAN prefix, and as many of the other applicable markings as possible placed on the tube with the following order of precedence:

- a. Type number.
- b. JAN prefix.
- c. Lot date code (lot identification).
- d. Manufacturer's designating symbol (CAGE code).
- e. Manufacturer's identification.
- f. Country of origin.

No required markings may be omitted without written approval obtained from the qualifying activity (see 3.1) prior to shipment. Required markings omitted from the tube for the reasons indicated above shall be placed on the unit pack.

3.5.10 Shelf life. The period of shelf life shall be marked on the tube package and pack when the shelf life is specified in the TSS (see 4.6 and 6.8).

3.6 Letters of interpretation and policy. Letters of interpretation and policy applicable to this document shall be approved in writing by the preparing activity. All letters of interpretation and policy applicable to MIL-PRF-1 written prior to the current date of this document are not applicable to this revision. All subsequent letters of interpretation and policy letters are valid only until the next document change action (amendment or revision).

3.7 Recycled, recovered, or environmentally preferable materials. Recycled, recovered, or environmentally preferable materials should be used to the maximum extent possible provided that the material meets or exceeds the operational and maintenance requirements, and promotes economically advantageous life cycle costs.

3.8 Workmanship. Electron tubes shall be manufactured and processed in a careful and workmanlike manner, in accordance with good design and sound engineering practice, and to the requirements of this specification.

## 4. VERIFICATION

4.1 Classification of inspections. The inspection requirements shall be classified and indicated on the TSS by the groupings specified as follows:

- a. General: The "Qualification" requirement, and any exceptions to general provisions of this specification (such as deviation from standard requirements for holding periods, preheating, or preparation for delivery) shall be indicated under this heading. First article inspection is required for TSS's that state "not required".
- b. Qualification: All tests specified on the TSS are required for qualification approval (QA); however, those tests grouped under this heading on the TSS are to be performed only during qualification inspection (see 3.2, 4.2, and 6.3).
- c. First article inspection. For first article inspection procedures, see appendix E herein.
- d. Conformance inspections (CI). CI parts 1, 2, and 3 (CI-1, CI-2, and CI-3) are made on a lot sampling basis to assure the desired quality of major characteristics that control design parameters, life and environmental characteristics (see 4.3). Conformance inspections (CI) are equivalent to and synonymous with Quality Conformance Inspections (QCI) which may appear referenced within older, canceled or inactivated TSS's or within manufacturers' source control drawing documentation. CI and QCI are used interchangeably.

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- e. Destructive tests. Tubes used for conducting tests designated as destructive below, or in the test method, shall not be delivered under contract or order for use by the Government. Except for stability and survival rate, life tests shall be considered destructive. In addition, the following MIL-STD-1311 test methods are designated as destructive:

<u>Destructive Tests</u>	<u>Method</u>
Sweep frequency vibration fatigue	1031
Vibration fatigue	1031
Vibration, endurance at resonance (when specified on the TSS)	1032
Shock	1041
Base pin solder depth (if X-ray techniques are not used)	1111
Lead fatigue (subminiature tube)	1116
Glass-to-lead seal strain	1119
Filament burnout	1202
Mechanical tuning fatigue	4223

4.1.1 Test equipment and inspection facilities. Test and measuring equipment and inspection facilities of sufficient accuracy, quality and quantity to permit performance of the required inspection shall be established and maintained by the contractor. The establishment and maintenance of a calibration system to control the accuracy of the measuring and test equipment shall be in accordance with ANSI/NCSL Z540.3, ISO 10012 or approved equivalent by the qualifying activity.

4.1.2 Lot sizes for tubes listed on generic specification sheets. If sampling plan, test conditions, test limits, and internal construction of tube types covered by a single generic specification sheet are identical, lot sizes for tests referenced on generic TSS's may be combined to determine the sample size for CI-1, CI-2, and CI-3 (or equivalently QCI-1, QCI-2, and QCI-3) tests. The sample may be composed of either type(s) or combination thereof. Any additional cross-clearance considerations shall be stated on the individual TSS.

4.2 Qualification (see 6.3). Unless specified in TSS, qualification testing shall be in accordance with [table II](#) herein. For information pertaining to qualification, or authorization for qualification testing, the manufacturer shall contact the qualifying activity (see [3.1](#)) for this specification (see [3.2](#), [4.1.b](#), and [6.3](#)).

4.2.1 Samples and acceptance criteria.

- a. The samples for qualification tests shall be representative of the manufacturer's normal production, shall be produced by and at the plant where manufacturing is to be accomplished, and shall be selected from current completely processed production.
- b. When not specified in [table II](#), two samples shall be selected with no failures permitted.
- c. A bogey tube, if specified, shall be in addition to the sample specified herein and may be a tube that has been stabilized by life-test operation.
- d. When more than one tube type is covered by a single TSS (generic specification) and complete qualification testing is being conducted for one of the tube types, only those tests which differ (except heater voltage test condition) need be conducted to obtain qualification for all other types covered by the TSS. In the case of cathode-ray tubes, where more than one phosphor type is shown on a generic TSS, a minimum sample of four tubes of any applicable phosphor or combination of phosphors shall be tested for all requirements; however, only one additional tube need be tested for the other remaining phosphors. This tube shall be tested for phosphor properties only.
- e. Failures in excess of those allowed in [table II](#) or in [4.2.1.b](#), shall be cause for refusal to grant qualification approval. At the discretion of the qualifying activity, any tube whose failure is due to operator error or test equipment malfunction may not be considered a tube failure. With the approval from the qualifying activity, such tubes may be replaced by randomly selected tubes from the same lot.



TABLE II. Sample and acceptance criteria for qualification.

Test method if specified herein (3.1.2), or on the TSS		Sample size		Destructive test (D) (see 4.1.e)
MIL-STD-1311 Test Method or MIL-PRF-1 appendix	Title	Applicable paragraph	Number of samples	
<u>1/</u> Appendix D	Mechanical inspection, dimensions	4.2.1	2	---
<u>2/</u> ----	Mechanical resonance (see TSS)	4.2.1	3	---
<u>1/</u> 1031	Vibration, low frequency (25 Hz)	4.2.1	2	---
1031	Vibration, variable frequency	4.2.1	2	---
1031	Vibration fatigue	4.2.1	2	D
1041	Shock	4.2.1	2	D
----	Shock (see TSS)	See TSS	See TSS	---
<u>1/</u> 1101	Secureness of base, cap, or insert	4.2.1	2	---
<u>1/</u> 1105	Permanence of marking	3.5	2	---
<u>1/</u> 1111	Base pin solder depth	----	2	<u>3/</u>
<u>1/</u> 1116	Lead fatigue (subminiature)	----	2	D
<u>1/</u> 1119	Glass-to-lead seal strain	----	2	D
<u>1/</u> 1121	Base strain (miniatures)	----	2 <u>4/</u>	---
<u>1/</u> 1126	Glass-envelope strain (glass tube)	----	3	---
1202	Filament burnout	----	2	D
1206	Grid emission	----	2	---
<u>1/</u> ----	All electrical (not listed in this table)	4.2.1	2	---
----	Life tests	4.3.8	---	---
<u>5/</u> 1501	Intermittent life	4.2.4	4	D
<u>6/ 7/ 8/</u> ----	Operational life	4.2.3	2	D
1506	Heater-cycling life	4.2.4	3	D
1511	Cathode interface life	----	See TSS	D
1516	Stability life	4.2.3	3	---
2126	Glass strain (receiving tubes)	----	2	---
4223	Mechanical tuning fatigue	4.2.3	2	D

1/ Electrical sample may be used for these tests.

2/ Vibration, variable frequency may be used for these tests.

3/ Method 1111 becomes a destructive test if X-ray techniques are not used and additional samples will be required.

4/ Use acceptance numbers given in 4.3.5.3.

5/ Low-failure rate tubes: See applicable TSS.

6/ For dual testing in any one life-test group, half the number of tubes shall be subjected to each test. When the number of tubes is odd, the sample shall be made even by adding one tube.

7/ Life tests are based on degradation of certain characteristics. These characteristics must be within the life-tests end point limits at the completion of 80 percent of the specified life tests. If more than one tube is selected, then acceptance is based on the average life of those tubes tested; however, no tube can be tested for more than the specified life and no more than the specified life hours for any one tube can be credited to the total hours for the purpose of calculating the average hours.

8/ See 4.2.3 concerning life-test groups A, B, C, D, and S.

4.2.1.1 Marking of samples. The commercial designation may be used instead of the "JAN" prefix marking for qualification test samples. The marking will be inspected for legibility and traceability only.

4.2.2 Qualification by similarity. Tubes of similar classification manufactured on the same production line, involving the same process, may be granted qualification by the qualifying activity provided the manufacturer already has a qualified tube of equal or greater complexity on the current QPL.

4.2.3 Operational life. Life test groups A, B, C, D, and S as listed on the individual TSS's, have been combined into a single life test called operational life.

4.2.4 Life-test data. Complete data on life test, whether performed under the cognizance of the Government or certified by the manufacturer as having been performed on production tubes of the same design as the specimens submitted for qualification inspection, shall remain available for inspection by the cognizant government inspector. The number of samples for which life-test data are required shall be as shown in [table II](#).

4.2.5 Prior Government approval. Invitation for bids should provide that the acquiring activity reserves the right to waive the requirements for first article samples as to those bidders offering a product which has been previously acquired, tested, or reviewed by the qualifying activity, and that bidders offering such products who wish to rely on such production or test, must furnish evidence with the bid that prior Government approval is presently appropriate for the pending acquisition.

4.2.6 Retention of qualification. To retain qualification, the manufacturer shall forward a report at 24 months intervals to the qualifying activity (see [6.3](#)). The qualifying activity shall establish the initial reporting date. The report shall consist of:

A Summary of the results of conformance inspection parts 1, 2 and 3, indicating as a minimum the number of tubes that have passed and the number that have failed. The results of the tests of all reworked tubes shall be identified and accounted for.

Failure to submit the report within 60 days after the end of each 24 month period may result in loss of qualification for the product. In addition to the periodic submission of inspection data, the contractor shall immediately notify the qualifying activity at any time during the 24 month period that the inspection data indicates failure of the qualified product to meet the requirements of this specification.

In the event that no production has occurred during the reporting period, the manufacturer shall submit a report certifying to the qualifying activity that the manufacturer still has the capabilities and facilities necessary to produce the tubes and wants to remain on the QPL.

4.2.7 Discontinuance of production. In the event that a manufacturer plans to discontinue production of a tube type or types entirely, the product will remain on the QPL as long as stock remains and the manufacturer notifies the qualifying activity within thirty days after the last product run has been completed. The manufacturer agrees to store overrun from the last production, and when these quantities are exhausted, will notify the qualifying activity to have product listing removed from the QPL.

4.3 Conformance inspection (CI). Testing shall be in accordance with the CI-1, CI-2, and CI-3 listed in the individual TSS and as specified herein. Conformance inspections (CI) are equivalent to and synonymous with Quality Conformance Inspections (QCI) which may still appear referenced within older, canceled or inactivated TSS's or within manufacturers' source control drawing documentation. CI and QCI are used interchangeably.

4.3.1 Sampling plans. This specification utilizes an accept on zero defect ( $c = 0$ ) sampling plan. Sampling shall be in accordance with [table III](#). Acceptance sampling levels indicated on individual TSS's shall be cross referenced to the appropriate sampling categories in [table III](#). See definition of lot in [appendix A](#). "\*" indicates entire lot must be inspected. "\* to N" indicates entire lot must be inspected up to and including a maximum sample size of N.

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TABLE III. Sampling plans.

Category	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV	XVI
Acceptance Level	.010	.015	.025	.040	.065	.10	.15	.25	.40	.65	1.0	1.5	2.5	4.0	6.5	10.0
SAMPLE SIZE																
<u>LOT SIZE</u>																
2 to 8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	* to 5	* to 3	2	1
9 to 15	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	* to 13	8	5	3	1
16 to 25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	* to 20	13	8	5	3	1
26 to 50	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	* to 32	20	13	8	5	5	5	2
51 to 90	*	*	*	*	*	*	* to 80	50	32	20	13	8	7	6	5	2
91 to 150	*	*	*	*	*	* to 125	80	50	32	20	13	12	11	7	6	2
151 to 280	*	*	*	*	* to 200	125	80	50	32	20	19	13	10	7	4	4
281 to 500	*	*	*	* to 315	200	125	80	50	48	47	29	21	16	11	9	4
501 to 1,200	*	* to 800	500	315	200	125	80	75	73	47	34	27	19	15	11	4
1,201 to 3,200	* to 1250	800	500	315	200	125	80	116	73	53	42	35	23	18	13	4
3,201 to 10,000	1250	800	500	315	200	125	80	116	86	68	50	38	29	22	15	4

4.3.1.1 Default sampling plans. If the individual TSS does not specify the acceptance levels the following plans shall apply (the TSS may use equivalent QCI-1 for CI-1, QCI-2 for CI-2 and QCI-3 for CI-3):

- a. CI-1: Sampling category X shall be used, except for visual and mechanical inspection; see [appendix C](#) and D.
- b. CI-2: Sampling category XIV shall be used.
- c. CI-3: Sampling category XVI shall be used.

4.3.2 Normal inspection. Normal inspection shall be the listed sampling category.

4.3.3 Tightened inspection. Tightened inspection shall consist of decreasing the category by one (i.e. if the normal inspection category is X, the tightened inspection sampling plan would be category IX).

4.3.4 Nonconforming lots. A nonconforming lot shall be reworked or retested 100 percent, or both, by the manufacturer prior to resubmitting the lot to CI. If the nonconforming test item is of such a nature as to require rework, the lot shall be subjected to all of CI, part 1 testing. If the nonconforming test item is of such a nature as to require retest, then the lot shall be tested for those characteristics that were nonconforming.

4.3.5 Base strain test, miniature tube, sampling (MIL-STD-1311 method 1121). Tightened inspection shall be in effect initially and shall continue in effect until the criteria specified herein for normal inspection have been met.

4.3.5.1 Normal inspection. Inspection shall move from tightened to normal after all of the following have occurred:

- a. There has been no change of the tube type on the sealing and exhaust unit during the testing of the last five samples.
- b. Not more than a total of eight defects have been found in the last five samples.
- c. No rejection has occurred in the last five samples.

4.3.5.2 Sampling. The sample shall consist of 10 tubes selected at random from the production of each sealing-and-exhaust unit. This sample size n = 10, shall be used for both tightened and normal inspection. For normal inspection, the sample shall be selected once during each regular work shift. For tightened inspection, the sample shall be selected every hour. In either case, the first sample shall be selected at the start of each work shift.

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4.3.5.3 Acceptance and rejection criteria. The production lot represented by the sample shall be:

- a. Accepted if not more than one defective for class "A", "B", or "C" defects respectively, or if not more than a total of two defectives are found in the sample (see MIL-STD-1311 method 1121).
- b. Rejected if two or more defectives for class "A", "B", or "C" defects, respectively, or if a total of three or more defectives are found in the sample.

4.3.5.4 Rejected tubes. If the tubes are rejected on this test, all production from this exhaust unit during that period shall be 100 percent strain-tested for that class of defect that caused rejection. The results of the retest shall be submitted to qualifying activity, and these data shall be used as a basis for acceptance of the rejected lot (see 4.7). These results shall not be used in the cumulative record.

4.3.5.5 Records. A record of all defectives shall be maintained for each sealing-and-exhaust unit. This record shall show the exhaust unit number, the date and time of sample, the number of defectives in each group, the total defectives, and the rejections occurring in the last five samples.

4.3.6 Shock test sampling (MIL-STD-1311 method 1041). The test shall be conducted on the initial lot and thereafter on a lot approximately every 12 months. When one lot has passed, the 12-month rule shall apply.

4.3.7 Permanence of marking sampling (MIL-STD-1311 method 1105). When applicable, method 1105 shall be performed prior to shipment on tubes that have received final processing for marking in compliance with the requirements of 3.5.

4.3.8 Life testing.

- a. Life-test provisions: Life testing shall be conducted as specified herein, except when tubes submitted in accordance with this specification are part of the manufacturer's commercial production, and are life tested by the manufacturer under the specified TSS conditions (or conditions of greater stress), and in at least the required quantities, the qualifying activity may accept the results of these life tests in lieu of the life-test specified herein. Prior to life testing, the manufacturer may subject the tubes to any other TSS tests. The qualifying activity shall be notified if a tube is found to be outside the initial TSS limits or has mechanical defects. With the approval from the qualifying activity a defective sample may be replaced by another randomly selected sample from the same lot.
- b. Life-test sampling (2,000 tubes or less): The tubes comprising the sample shall be selected at random throughout production in a manner representative of the lot. However, when a manufacturer is in continuous production for an extended period on a tube type up to 12 month, the sample may be selected from the first 10 percent of the production lot. For dual testing in any one life-test group, half the number of tubes shall be tested in each test. When the sample is an odd number of tubes, it shall be made even, by adding another tube. The total number of tubes from any one lot subjected to a particular life test shall be considered the life-test sample.
- c. Life-test sampling (500 tubes or less): A "life-test lot" shall be a maximum of six month's production of 500 tubes, or less, shall apply to form a single "life-test lot" (see Appendix A for lot definition, including "life-test lot" definition).
- d. Reduced life-test sampling: Manufacturers become eligible for reduced life-test sampling when they have produced 3 lots with no life-test defects, for the same tube type, in a 24 month time period. Reduced life testing will consist of performing life-test sampling, on the eligible tube type(s), once in each subsequent 12 month period. The manufacturer becomes ineligible after a lot fails life test, and must reestablish eligibility as mentioned previously. Verification of eligibility must be submitted to, and is subject to the approval of the qualifying activity or the acquiring activity (for first article only see 3.1).

4.3.9 Life-test sampling plans. Refer to table III for the following listed sampling categories.

4.3.9.1 Stability life test (MIL-STD-1311 method 1516). Sampling category XIV shall be used.

4.3.9.2 Intermittent life test (MIL-STD-1311 method 1501). Sampling category XIV shall be used.

4.3.9.3 Heater cycling life test (MIL-STD-1311 method 1506). Sampling category XIV shall be used.

4.3.9.4 Group life tests. Life-test groups A, B, C, D and S as listed in the TSS's, have been combined into the operational life test. Operational life testing shall use sampling category XVI.

4.4 Inspection conditions. Unless otherwise specified, all inspections shall be performed in accordance with the test conditions specified herein and in MIL-STD-1311.

4.5 Service-life guarantee. When specified in TSS, service-life guarantees, in lieu of life-testing shall be forwarded and subject to approval from the qualifying activity ([FSC.5960@dla.mil](mailto:FSC.5960@dla.mil)).

4.6 Shelf life. In general, electron tubes have an indefinite shelf life; however, where specific shelf life has been determined and is specified in the TSS, the marking shall be as specified in [3.5.10](#).

4.7 Rejected lots. If an inspection lot is rejected, the supplier may rework the lot to correct the defects or may screen out the defective units, then resubmit for re-inspection. Resubmitted lots shall be inspected using tightened inspection (see [4.3.3](#)). Such lots shall be separate from new lots, and shall be clearly identified as re-inspected lots by the manufacturer's lot records.

4.8 Disposition of sample units.

- a. Sample units that have passed all the nondestructive tests may be delivered on the contract or purchase order, if the lot is accepted and the sample units are still within the specified tolerances.
- b. Sample units that have been subjected to destructive tests shall not be delivered on the contract or purchase order.
- c. Any tube known to have failed the provisions of the either MIL-PRF-1, MIL-STD-1311, or sample tubes which do not meet the initial limits after nondestructive life tests, shall not be delivered on the contract or purchase order.

4.9 Noncompliance. If a sample fails to pass CI 1, 2 or 3, the manufacturer shall notify the qualifying activity and cognizant inspection activity of such failure and shall take corrective action on the material or processes, or both, as warranted, and on all units of product which can be corrected and which were manufactured under essentially the same conditions, with essentially the same materials and processes, and which are considered subject to the same failure. Acceptance and shipment of the product shall be discontinued until corrective action, acceptable to the Government, has been taken.

## 5. PACKAGING

5.1 Packaging. For acquisition purposes, the packaging requirements shall be as specified in the contract or order (see [6.2](#)). When packaging of materiel is to be performed by DoD or in-house contractor personnel, these personnel need to contact the responsible packaging activity to ascertain packaging requirements. Packaging requirements are maintained by the Inventory Control Point's packaging activities within the Military Service or Defense Agency, or within the military service's system commands. Packaging data retrieval is available from the managing Military Department's or Defense Agency's automated packaging files, CD-ROM products, or by contacting the responsible packaging activity.

## 6. NOTES

(This section contains information of a general or explanatory nature that may be helpful, but is not mandatory.)

6.1 Intended uses. Equipment using tubes manufactured in accordance with this specification should be designed so that the tubes perform satisfactorily in the normal service for which the equipment is designed. The use of characteristics not controlled by this specification is not permitted unless the command or service concerned has specifically approved such use.

6.2 Acquisition requirements. Acquisition documents should specify the following:

- a. Title, number, and date of this specification.
- b. Title, number, and date of the applicable tube specification sheet, and the type designation.
- c. Service-life guarantee in lieu of life test when applicable (see 3.5.8 and 4.5) and whether or not additional part marking requirements for contract number and guaranteed tube-operating hours are precluded by inadequate marking area.
- d. Packaging (see 5.1)

6.3 Qualification. With respect to products requiring qualification, awards will be made only for products which are, at the time of award of contract, qualified for inclusion in Qualified Products List QPL No. 1 whether or not such products have actually been so listed by that date. The attention of the contractors is called to these requirements, and manufacturers are urged to arrange to have the products that they propose to offer to the Federal Government tested for qualification in order that they may be eligible to be awarded contracts or orders for the products covered by this specification. Information pertaining to qualification of products may be obtained from DLA Land and Maritime, Code VQE, P.O. Box 3990, Columbus, OH 43218-3990 (mail to: [vqe.chief@dla.mil](mailto:vqe.chief@dla.mil)). An online listing of products qualified to this specification may be found in the Qualified Products Database (QPD) at <https://assist.daps.dla.mil>.

6.3.1 Provisions governing qualification. Copies of "Provisions Governing Qualification" SD-6 may be obtained upon application to Defense Automation and Production Service, Building 4D (DPM-DODSSP), 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.

6.3.2 First article. When a first article inspection is required, the item will be tested and should be representative of the product to be produced for delivery on the contract or purchase order. The contracting officer should include specific instructions in the contract regarding quantity of tubes, reporting and approval for first article testing. Information pertaining to first article inspection and approval of products covered by this specification should be obtained from the acquiring activity (see [appendix E](#)).

6.4 Subject term (key word) listing.

Absolute ratings  
 Classification  
 Conformance inspections  
 Radioactive marking  
 Serialization  
 Service-life guarantee  
 Tube specification sheet (TSS)

6.5 Changes from previous revision. The margins of this specification are marked with vertical lines to indicate modifications generated by this revision. This was done as a convenience only and the Government assumes no liability whatsoever for any inaccuracies in these notations. Bidders and contractors are cautioned to evaluate the requirements of this document based on the entire content irrespective of the marginal notations.

6.6 Environmentally preferable material. Environmentally preferable materials should be used to the maximum extent possible to meet the requirements of this specification. As of the dating of this document, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is focusing efforts on reducing 31 priority chemicals. The list of chemicals and additional information is available on their website at <http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/wastemin/priority.htm>. Included in the list of 31 priority chemicals are cadmium, lead, and mercury. Use of the materials on the list should be minimized or eliminated unless needed to meet the requirements specified herein (see [section 3](#)).

6.7 Tin whisker growth. The use of alloys with tin content greater than 97 percent, by mass, may exhibit tin whisker growth problems after manufacture. Tin whiskers may occur anytime from a day to years after manufacture and can develop under typical operating conditions, on products that use such materials. Conformal coatings applied over top of a whisker-prone surface will not prevent the formation of tin whiskers. Alloys of 3 percent lead, by mass, have shown to inhibit the growth of tin whiskers (see [3.4.6](#)). For additional information on this matter, refer to ASTM-B545 (Standard Specification for Electrodeposited Coatings of Tin).

6.8 Shelf-life. This specification covers items where shelf life is a consideration. Specific shelf-life requirements should be specified in the contract or purchase order. The shelf-life codes are contained in the Federal Logistics Information System Total Item Record. Additive information for shelf-life management may be obtain from *DoD 4140.27-M Shelf-life Management Manual*, or the designated shelf-life Points of Contact (POC). The POC should be contacted in the following order: (1) the Inventory Control Points and (2) the DoD Service and Agency administrators for the DoD Shelf-Life Program. Appropriate POCs for the DoD Shelf-Life Program can be contacted through the DoD Shelf-Life Management website: <https://www.shelflife.hq.dla.mil/>.

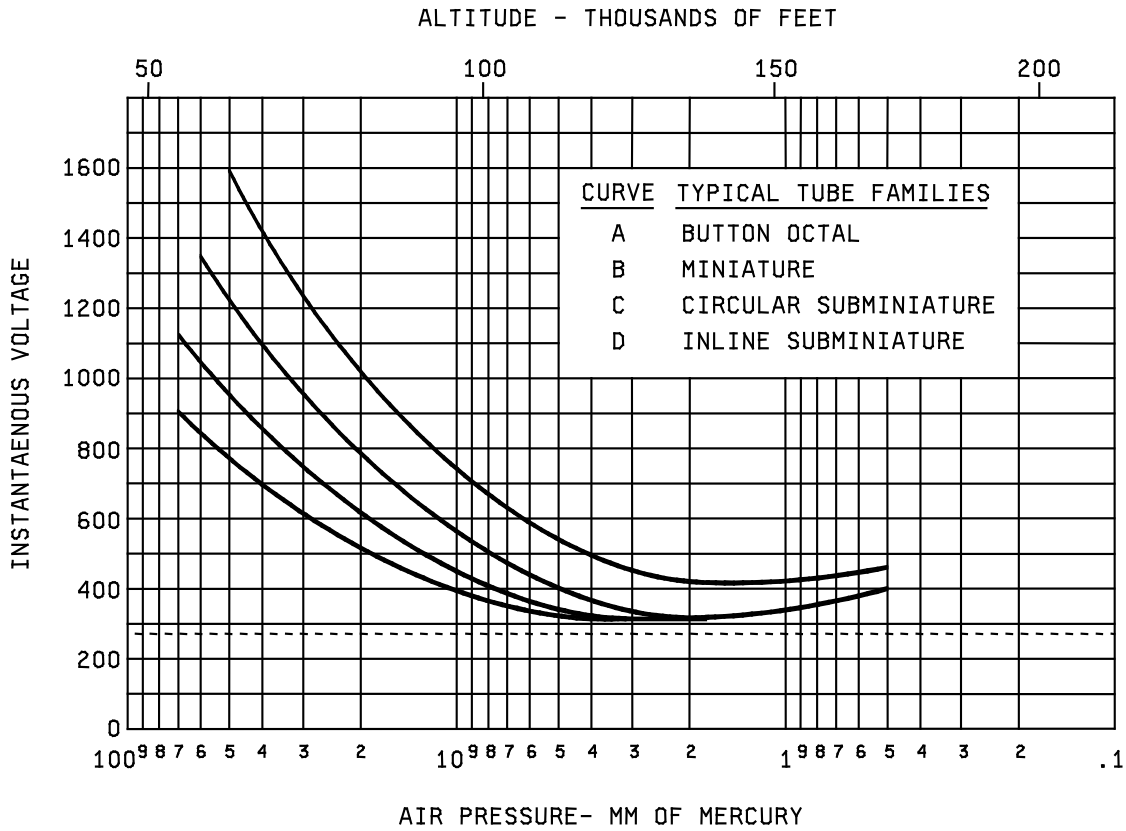


FIGURE 1. Reduced pressure (altitude) voltage breakdown characteristics.







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Ignitor. An insulated electrode (often called a "keep-alive" or "primer") designed to maintain a dc glow discharge in a gas-switching tube.

Inoperatives. Inoperatives are shorts, discontinuities, and air leaks (MIL-STD-1311 methods 1201 and 1267).

Limits. The term "within the limits specified" includes the limit values shown on the tube specification sheet.

Lot (including "life-test lot"). A manufacturing or inspection lot or a "life-test lot" shall be defined as a group of fully processed tubes of one type which are manufactured under essentially the same conditions with respect to material, construction, and processing during a maximum consecutive period of one month. If the production rate is 2,000 tubes or less for this period, the production of up to four calendar or fiscal months may be combined to make up one lot of 8,000 tubes or less. If the small lot production rate for a six month period is 500 tubes or less, 500 tubes or less may be accumulated from production extending over a maximum period of six months to form a single lot or "life-test lot". For life-test sampling (small lots) see 4.3.8.c.

Major cross section. The major cross section of a tube is the first of the following that is applicable:

- a. As defined on the tube specification sheet.
- b. The plane of the deflecting electrode farthest from the base of electrostatic cathode-ray tubes.
- c. The plane of the heater pins of metal tubes or shielded glass tubes and symmetrically constructed tubes.
- d. The plane of the number one grid side rods.
- e. Any plane through the axis of the tube of perfectly symmetrically constructed tubes.

Microwave tubes. Tubes utilizing principles of operation that are normally employed at frequencies above one gigahertz, or tubes using distributed rather than lumped circuit elements.

Miniature tubes. Tubes with shape and dimensions designated in EIA 209 as T5-1/2 and T6-1/2 (round) envelope configuration and rigid pins.

Octave. The interval between any two frequencies having a ratio of 2:1.

Peak forward anode voltage. The peak forward anode voltage is the maximum voltage applied to the anode with respect to the cathode in the forward direction.

Peak inverse anode voltage. The peak inverse anode voltage is the maximum voltage applied to the anode with respect to the cathode in the inverse direction.

Permanent short. A permanent short is a short circuit that exists for an appreciable time when there is no accelerating force applied to the tube. This class includes sustained short circuits that may be cleared by subsequent acceleration.

Polarity. All potentials are designated by polarity with respect to the reference point.

Power or transmitting tubes. Tubes so designated by the TSS. These are negative grid tubes normally operated as oscillators, amplifiers, or drivers with an anode dissipation, generally of 50 watts (formerly this was 25 watts) or more per tube. These also include rectifiers with rectified power output generally of 250 watts or more.

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Pulse. A pulse is a recurrent momentary flow of energy of short time duration.

Pulse duration. The time interval between the points on the trace envelope at which the instantaneous amplitudes are equal to 70 percent of the maximum amplitude, excluding spike. For magnetrons, see MIL-STD-1311 method 4304.

Pulse modulator and pulse diode terminology (see MIL-STD-1311, section 4).

Receiving tubes. Tubes so designated by the TSS. These are negative grid tubes normally operated as oscillators, amplifiers, mixers, or converters with an anode dissipation of under 50 watts (formerly this was 25 watts). These also include diodes or rectifiers with rectified power output under 250 watts.

Reference point. The reference point for the electrode potential is: The cathode terminal, if present; the negative terminal of a filament operated on direct current; or, the electrical center of the filament circuit operated on alternating current. When tests are to be made with cathode-resistor bias, the reference point for all potentials, except heater-cathode and suppressor-grid, shall be the negative terminal of the cathode resistor. The reference point for heater-cathode and suppressor-grid potentials shall be the positive terminal of the cathode resistor.

Residual signal (lag). Signal remaining at some specified time after exposure to light under certain specified conditions.

Resonance. Resonance of a system in forced oscillation exists when any change, however small, in frequency of excitation causes a decrease in the response of the system.

Response (of a radiation counter tube). The response of a radiation counter tube is the response when operated under specified circuit conditions and in a standard radiation field.

Ruggedized tubes. Ruggedized tubes are those which do not meet the criteria for classification as reliable tubes but which have more stringent shock and vibration requirements specified on the TSS than other military types. (The term is obsolete and was usually limited to certain low-power vacuum tubes.)

Simple harmonic motion. A motion such that the displacement is a sinusoidal function of time.

Spike. A spike is a transient of very short duration, during which the amplitude appreciably exceeds the average amplitude of the pulse.

Starting voltage (of a radiation counter tube). The starting voltage of a radiation counter tube is the voltage at which uniform pulses with specified average amplitude appear across a specified resistor and in a specified radiation field.

Subminiature tubes. Tubes with shape and dimensions designated in EIA 209 as T2x3 (oval) and T3 (round) envelope configuration and flexible wire leads.

Supplier. Contractor, manufacturer, or vendor.

Supply potential. The supply potential is the potential furnished to a circuit containing an electron tube.

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Temporary short. A temporary short is a short circuit resulting from and lasting during the application of an accelerating force. When it is necessary to classify temporary shorts as to their degree or the method of testing, the following terms are preferred:

- a. A tap short is a temporary short as determined with the relatively low accelerating force as in the tap short test specified in MIL-STD-1311 method 1201.
- b. A transient short is a temporary short of relatively short duration occurring during a high-level shock impact such as that specified in MIL-STD-1311 method 1041.

Time constant of rise. The time duration of a pulse to rise from 25 percent of the maximum pulse amplitude to 70 percent of the maximum pulse amplitude excluding spike, in microseconds.

Time of fall. The time duration of pulse to fall from 70 percent of the maximum pulse amplitude to 25 percent of the maximum pulse amplitude excluding spike, in microseconds.

Tube specification sheet (TSS). The document that defines the physical, electrical, and mechanical requirements of the tube and the tests necessary to verify them.

Useful power output. The power delivered to the load.

Velocity. A vector quantity that specifies the time rate of change of displacement with respect to a reference frame.

X axis (formerly X1 axis). The axis of application of shock and vibration normal to both the Z axis and the major cross section of the tube elements.

Y axis (formerly X2 axis). The axis of application of shock and vibration normal to both the X and Z axes.

Z axis (formerly Y1 and Y2 axes). The axis of application of shock and vibration which is parallel to the major axis of the tube. Unless otherwise specified on the TSS, the major axis shall be considered as:

- a. The long axis of the cathode structure; or
- b. The path of the un-deflected beam in tubes employing electron beams.

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## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

## B.1 SCOPE

B.1.1 Scope. This appendix contains abbreviations and symbols used in this specification and in MIL-STD-1311. This appendix is a mandatory part of this specification. The information contained herein is intended for compliance.

B.1.2 Purpose. The purpose of this appendix is to establish a list of authorized abbreviations and symbols for electron tubes to be used on drawings, military specifications, and military handbooks.

B.2 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS. This section is not applicable to this document.

## B.3 ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

Å	Angstrom unit (.1 nanometer).
A	Amperes (may be either ac rms or dc).
a	Amperes (peak value) or anode.
a	Anode.
/a	Per anode.
Aac	ac amperes (rms).
$\alpha$ (alpha)	Attenuation constant.
ac	Alternating current.
Adc	dc amperes.
ALD	Acceptance limit for sample dispersions.
ATR tube	Anti-transmit-receive tube.
$\Delta\beta$	Luminance change between two conditions.
$b = B/Y_0$	Normalized susceptance.
$\beta$ (beta)	Phase constant.
$B_a$	Luminance level, specified or measured. Additional lower case and numerical subscripts are also used.
$B_D$	Peak luminance level of written noise (fL).
be	Back electrode.
$B_E$	Dynamic equilibrium luminance.
$B_S$	Saturation luminance.

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B <sub>sw</sub>	Static writing response.
c	Velocity of light.
C	Capacitance.
°C	Degrees Celsius.
cb	Centibels.
ce	Collector electrode.
C <sub>gk</sub> , C <sub>gp</sub> , C <sub>pk</sub> , etc.	Tube capacitance between the electrodes indicated.
CI	Conversion index; Conformance Inspection (interchangeable with Quality Conformance Inspection (QCI)).
C <sub>in</sub>	Input capacitance.
C <sub>k</sub>	Capacitor between cathode and ground.
c <sub>l</sub>	Collimator electrode.
C <sub>l</sub>	Load capacitance.
cm	Centimeter.
C <sub>m</sub>	Center magnification.
C <sub>out</sub>	Output capacitance.
cps	Cycles per second (for revisions and new TSS's, use hertz (Hz)).
CRO	Cathode-ray oscilloscope.
CRT	Cathode-ray tube.
ct	Center tap.
CW	Continuous wave.
Δ (delta)	A change in the value of the indicated variable. When expressed in percent the difference in readings is divided by the initial reading and multiplied by 100.
D	The active reading scan-line duration in microseconds.
dB	Decibels.
D <sub>1, 2, 3, 4</sub>	Deflection plates.
dc	Direct current.
DF	Deflection factor in volts per inch.

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$\frac{dik}{dt}$	Rate of rise of cathode current pulse.
Disj	Peak dark current.
DIsj	Dark current.
Dp	Pulse droop.
Du	The product of time of pulse and pulse repetition rate (duty cycle).
D <sub>WE</sub>	Dynamic writing and erasing response.
DD <sub>WE</sub>	Dynamic decay write and erase.
DVST	Direct view storage tube.
dy	Dynode.
e	Peak voltage.
EB	Ballistic deflection.
Eb, Eb1, 2, 3	dc voltage on respective anodes or collectors. In the case of multiplex tubes containing more than one operating unit, the number of the unit concerned is inserted between the voltage symbol and the element symbol. For example, E2b, E1b, E1c2, etc. The number of the unit is the number of the anode in that unit.
eb	Peak dc anode (collector) voltage.
Eb'	"Off" anode voltage.
Ebb	dc anode supply voltage.
Ebb'	"Off" anode supply voltage.
Eb/lb	Adjust anode voltage to produce the specified anode current.
ebe	Peak voltage on backing electrode.
Ebe	dc voltage on backing electrode.
Ec, Ec1, 2, 3	dc voltage on respective grids.
Ecal	Calibration voltage.
Ecc, Ecc1, 2, 3	dc supply voltage to respective grids.
Ecco	Cut-off voltage at supply.
Ec/lb	Adjust grid voltage for the specified anode current.

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Ece	dc voltage on collector electrode.
Eco	dc cutoff grid voltage.
ed	Voltage peak between anode No. 2 and any deflection plate in cathode-ray tubes.
E <sub>dy</sub>	dc voltage of anode producing secondary emission.
Ee	End-of-plateau voltage.
Ef	Filament or heater voltage.
Ef/Po	Adjust filament potential (with other potentials held constant) to reduce the power output obtained on oscillation by the amount specified.
Eg <sub>1, 2, 3</sub>	rms value of ac component of input voltage for respective grids.
egk	Peak voltage drop between grid and cathode.
egy	Peak forward grid voltage.
egx	Peak inverse grid voltage.
Ehk	Heater-cathode voltage (sign to indicate polarity of heater with respect to cathode).
Eid	Ignitor voltage drop.
Eip	dc ion pump voltage.
ek	Peak voltage on cathode.
Ek	dc voltage on cathode.
Ekk	Cathode pre-bias voltage.
Eo	dc component of output voltage of rectifiers.
EO	Over-voltage for radiation counter tubes.
eo	Pulse amplitude.
Ep	rms value of the ac component of anode voltage with respect to cathode.
Epp	ac anode supply voltage.
epx	Peak inverse anode voltage.
epy	Peak forward anode voltage.
Er	Reflector voltage.



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Eres	Reservoir voltage.
Ers	Resonator voltage.
Es	dc emission voltage.
Es	Starting voltage for radiation counter tubes.
Esd	External shield voltage.
Esg	Shield grid voltage.
Esh	Shell voltage.
Esh	Screen voltage.
Esig	Applied signal voltage.
Esj	Target voltage.
Esol	dc solenoid voltage.
Esp	Spade voltage.
Ess	dc voltage on storage surface.
Eta	Target voltage.
Etd	Average voltage drop between anode and cathode.
etd	Peak voltage drop between anode and cathode.
Evs	dc voltage on viewing screen.
Ew	dc helix voltage.
ew	Peak helix voltage.
Ez	Ionization, breakdown, or striking voltage.
f	Filament.
f	Flood-gun.
f <sub>1</sub>	The read scan-line repetition rate (Hz).
f <sub>2</sub>	$= \frac{RJ}{D}$ (MHz).
F	Farad.
F	Frequency (in Hz). <u>1/</u>

1/ For revisions and new TSS's, use hertz (Hz), kilohertz (kHz), megahertz (MHz), or gigahertz (GHz).











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N	Counts for radiation counter tubes.
N	Number of scan-lines written.
nc	No connection.
NF	Noise figure.
Npm	Counts per minute.
Nps	Counts per second.
Nr	Output noise ratio (ratio of noise power output to resistance noise power).
Os	Pulse overshoot.
p	pico ( $10^{-12}$ ).
p	Plate (for revisions or new TSS's use anode).
p	Spatial frequency in terms of cycles/SSRD for which the modulation is determined.
/p	Per plate (per anode).
P/ta	Individual target power dissipation.
Pb	Anode breakdown factor or anode heating factor (epy x prr x ib).
Pd	Average drive power.
pd	Peak drive power.
pF	Picofarad.
PFN	Pulse forming network.
Pg1, 2, 3	Power dissipation of respective grid.
Pi	Power input (anode).
Pi (rf)	Average input rf power.
pi	Peak power input.
pi (rf)	Peak input rf power.
Pj	Reactive power in watts.
PI	Plateau length.
Pn	Noise output.
P'o	Intrinsic P.

















APPENDIX C

CRITICAL INTERFACE DATA - ELECTRON TUBES AND ACCESSORIES

C.1 SCOPE

C.1.1 Scope. This appendix provides for the standardization of shapes and sizes of electron tubes, their component parts, and accessories in order to ensure mechanical interchangeability. This appendix is a mandatory part of this specification. The information contained herein is intended for compliance.

C.2 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

C.2.1 General. The documents listed in this section are specified in section C.3 of this appendix. This section does not include documents cited in other sections of this appendix or recommended for additional information or as examples. While every effort has been made to ensure the completeness of this list, document users are cautioned that they must meet all specified requirements documents cited in section C.3 of this appendix, whether or not they are listed.

C.2.2 Non-Government publications. The following documents form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise specified, the issues of these documents are those cited in the solicitation or contract.

Electronic Components Association, (ECA)

EIA-191 - Measurement of Direct Inter-electrode Capacitances of Electron Tubes.

EIA-209-A - Electron Tubes.

(Copies of these documents are available online at <http://www.eia.org/>, [cyates@eca.us.org](mailto:cyates@eca.us.org) or <http://www.global.ihs.com> (Global Engineering Documents website) or from the Electronic Components Association, (ECA) 2500 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 310, Arlington, VA 22201-3834.)

C.2.3 Order of precedence. Unless otherwise noted herein or in the contract, in the event of a conflict between the text of this document and the references cited herein (except for related tube specification sheets), the text of this document takes precedence. Nothing in this document, however, supersedes applicable laws and regulations unless a specific exemption has been obtained.

C.3 TUBE OUTLINE DRAWINGS

C.3.1 Tubes and component parts. Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA) EIA 209 shall be used whenever the TSS covers a tube or component part which has an applicable EIA outline drawing indicated.

C.3.1.1 EIA outline drawing number. The EIA outline drawing number shall be indicated; e.g., 5-1 (EIA), on the TSS in all cases where an EIA outline drawing number is assigned. When a particular configuration is not indicated in EIA 209, a dimensional drawing shall be included on the TSS.

C.3.1.2 Metric equivalents. The equivalent metric dimensions provided on each drawing are for general information only.

C.3.1.3 Tube outline drawings. Tube specification sheets processed prior to September 1965 may have indicated former MIL-E-1 outline drawing numbers. For these cases, an outline drawing cross-reference list is shown in table C-1.

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C.3.2 Capacitance shields. Standardized capacitance shields, sockets, and cap connectors for use in measuring direct-inter-electrode capacitances shall be as indicated in EIA 191.

C.3.3 Magnetron tube components. Unless otherwise specified, pole tips/gaps, and terminal plugs/jacks for magnetron tubes shall be as shown on figures C-1 and C-2, respectively.

TABLE C-1. Cross reference, tube outline drawings.

Former MIL-E-1 tube outline number	Equivalent EIA number	Former MIL-E-1 tube outline number	Equivalent EIA number
1- 4	9-26	4- 8	14- 3
1- 6	12- 5	4- 9	16- 3
1- 7	12- 6	5- 1	8- 5
1- 9	12- 2	5- 2	8- 3
2- 2	14- 1	5- 3	8- 1
2- 3	14- 2	5- 4	8- 4
2- 4	16-1	5- 5	8- 2
3- 1	9- 1	5- 6	8- 6
3- 4	9- 7	5- 8	10- 1
3- 5	9-17	6- 1	5- 1
3- 6	9-11	6- 2	5- 2
3- 7	9-18	6- 3	9-30
3- 8	9-12	6- 4	9-31
3- 9	9-13	6- 5	5- 3
3-10	9-15	6- 6	6- 1
3-11	9-21	6- 7	6- 2
3-12	9-36	6- 8	6- 3
3-13	9-39	8- 1	3- 1
3-14	9-41	8- 2	3- 2
3-15	9-42	8- 3	3- 8
3-16	9-43	8- 4	3- 3
3-17	9-45	8- 5	3- 4
3-18	9-47	8- 7	3- 6
3-19	9-22	8- 8	2- 1
4- 4	12- 7	8- 9	2- 2
4- 5	12- 8	8-10	2- 5
4- 6	12- 3	8-11	2- 6
4- 7	12- 4	16- 2	16- 2









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Inches	mm	Inches	mm
.002	0.05	.109	2.77
.003	0.08	.140	3.56
.005	0.13	.169	4.29
.010	0.25	.234	5.94
.015	0.38	.247	6.27
.016	0.41	.250	6.35
.020	0.51	.254	6.45
.025	0.64	.258	6.55
.031	0.79	.281	7.14
.032	0.81	.285	7.24
.035	0.97	.288	7.32
.046	1.17	.312	7.92
.047	1.19	.375	9.53
.071	1.80	.468	11.89

NOTES:

1. Dimensions are in inches.
2. Metric equivalents are given for general information only.
3. Unless otherwise specified, tolerances are  $\pm .005$ ,  $\pm 1/2E$  on angles.
4. Blend countersink to drilled hole. No sharp corners.

FIGURE C-2. Locking jack and plug for magnetron tubes - Continued.

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## VISUAL AND MECHANICAL INSPECTION CRITERIA

## D.1 SCOPE

D.1.1 Scope. This appendix establishes uniform criteria for evaluating and classifying defects on the individual tubes during visual and mechanical (physical) inspection. The criteria shall apply whether a 100-percent inspection or a sampling plan procedure is used. The information contained herein (or equivalent) is intended for compliance. This appendix is a mandatory part of this specification.

## D.2 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

D.2.1 General. The documents listed in this section are specified in sections D.3 through D.7 of this appendix. This section does not include documents cited in other sections of this appendix or recommended for additional information or as examples. While every effort has been made to ensure the completeness of this list, document users are cautioned that they must meet all specified requirements documents cited in sections D.3 through D.7 of this appendix, whether or not they are listed.

D.2.2 Non-Government publications. The following documents form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise specified, the issues of these documents are those cited in the solicitation or contract.

Electronic Components Association, (ECA)

EIA TEP123 - Glossary of Terms Used in the Description of Glass Components and of Their Defects.

EIA-209-A - EIA Standards for Electron Tubes.

(Copies of these documents are available online at <http://www.eia.org/>, [cyates@eca.us.org](mailto:cyates@eca.us.org) or <http://www.global.ihc.com> (Global Engineering Documents website) or from the Electronic Components Association, (ECA), 2500 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 310, Arlington, VA 22201-3834).

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## D.3 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

D.3.1 Visual and mechanical. 100 percent of the tubes comprising the lot shall be subjected to visual and mechanical inspection (excluding dimensions) for overall workmanship and all applicable defects specified in this appendix. Refer to [Table D-1](#) for defect classification and acceptance numbers. Individual tubes shall not be rejected for control defects. The decision to accept or reject the lot shall be made independently for each defect.

TABLE D-1. Sampling plan for visual and mechanical inspection.

Lot size	Type defect and acceptance numbers			
	Major 1 (combined)	Major 2 (each)	Minor (combined)	Control (each)
0 - 100	1	1	2	2
101- 200	2	2	4	4
201 and up	3	3	6	6

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D.3.2 Dimensions.

- (1) Physical characteristics of tubes shall be inspected for conformance with the specified outline drawing. Quality assurance provisions for standard outlines shall be as specified in [table D-II](#). For tube configurations not listed in [table D-II](#), an outline drawing and inspection provisions shall be included on the TSS. Reference (nominal) dimensions (those without tolerances) are for information only, not for inspection.

TABLE D-II. Standard inspection provisions for EIA outlines.

The following outline drawing prefix (T) number and reference letters refer to EIA-209-A designations. (See [appendix C](#).)

Outline prefix (T)	Reference letters	Sampling plan category ( <a href="#">table III</a> )
2x3, 3, 5-1/2, 6-1/2	A through E	XI
2x3, 3, 5-1/2, 6-1/2	G, H, and note 8 of outline T2x3 and notes 4 and 5 of outline T3(3-6)	XV
8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 (based types)	A, C, and D	XV
8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 (based types)	L and M	XV
9 and 12 (all glass)	A through E (where shown)	XI

- (2) Cathode tube and cathode-ray charge storage tube dimensions with tolerances specified shall be inspected to [table III](#), category XV.

D.3.3 Magnification. Unless otherwise specified (see [D.5.1](#), this appendix), inspection shall be made without magnification.

D.3.4 Criteria. In addition to the general criteria for all tubes specified (see [D.4](#)), supplementary criteria for specific applications are located as follows:

<u>Application</u> .....	<u>Paragraph</u>
General instructions .....	<a href="#">D.3</a>
General criteria .....	<a href="#">D.4</a>
Miniature and subminiature receiving tubes .....	<a href="#">D.5</a>
Transmitting and power rectifier tubes .....	<a href="#">D.6</a>
Cathode-ray tubes .....	<a href="#">D.7</a>

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D.3.5 Glass defects and terminology.

- a. Envelopes. Terms used in the description of glass components and of their defects shall be as specified in EIA TEP123.
- b. Screens and faceplates. Cathode-ray and visual output cathode-ray charge storage tube screen and faceplate defects, and terms shall be as indicated in EIA TEP123, supplemented by the following:
  - (1) Bright spot. A small area of light on the tube screen with an intensity (fluorescent or phosphorescent) at least twice the brightness of the surrounding area. Its color need not be the same as that of the surrounding area. 1/
  - (2) Chill wrinkle. Fine ripples or waves on the surface of the glass.
  - (3) Color. In these criteria "color", unless otherwise specified, refers to the color observed with the screen activated. 1/
  - (4) Color spot. A small area which is noticeably discolored and which has a fluorescent or phosphorescent intensity substantially different from the surrounding area but not within the limits of dead or bright spots. 1/
  - (5) Combination spots. Spots that appear to have combinations of the characteristics of dead, bright, and color spots, shall be classified as the type they most resemble. 1/
  - (6) Dead spot. A small area that emits practically no light for example, holes and non-fluorescent or non-phosphorescent spots in the screen, and opaque particles, open blisters, and bruise checks in the faceplate glass. 1/
  - (7) Face-contour variation. Variation in the inside or outside face surface contour, such as "bull's-eye top" or "suck-up".
  - (8) Lap. A fold in the surface.
  - (9) Loading mark. Minute variable indentations on the surface of the glass caused by air.
  - (10) Shaded or mottled area. Minor gradation in color or luminous intensity with respect to overall screen background, such as may be caused by uneven screen distribution, water marks, mold, or loading marks, and scum or spew. 1/
  - (11) Surface blemish. Inside or outside surface defect such as spot, chill wrinkle, and cord.

1/ Applies to cathode-ray tubes only.

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D.4 GENERAL CRITERIA. The following criteria shall be applicable unless superseded in other portions of this appendix covering specific families of tubes.

D.4.1 Glass-envelope defect classification.

Soft and hard glasses. Unless otherwise specified herein, the criteria in D.4.1.1 through D.4.1.8 are established for glass codes as follows:

D.4.1.1 Stones.

a. Soft glass stones.

(1) Size and number.

Up to .010 inch (.25 mm).....	Acceptable
.011 inch (.28 mm) to .020 inch (.51 mm) if in quantity of four or more.....	Minor
.021 inch (.53 mm) and more .....	Minor

b. Hard glass stones.

(1) Size and number.

Stones less than one-half the allowable dimensions shall not be considered .....	Minor
Up to and including .047 inch (1.19 mm).....	Acceptable
Over .047 inch (1.19 mm): Size and number greater than specified for acceptable stones .....	Minor

(2) Overglazing.

Stones more than .031 inch (.79 mm) not overglazed.....	Minor
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D.4.1.2 Blisters.

a. Soft glass blisters (see figure D-1).

(1) Open blisters:

Open-surface blisters .025 inch (.64 mm) or more .....	Minor
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(2) Buried or unbroken surface blisters. No attempt shall be made to break unbroken blister.

Total number and class of blisters .025 inch (.64 mm) and more .....	Minor
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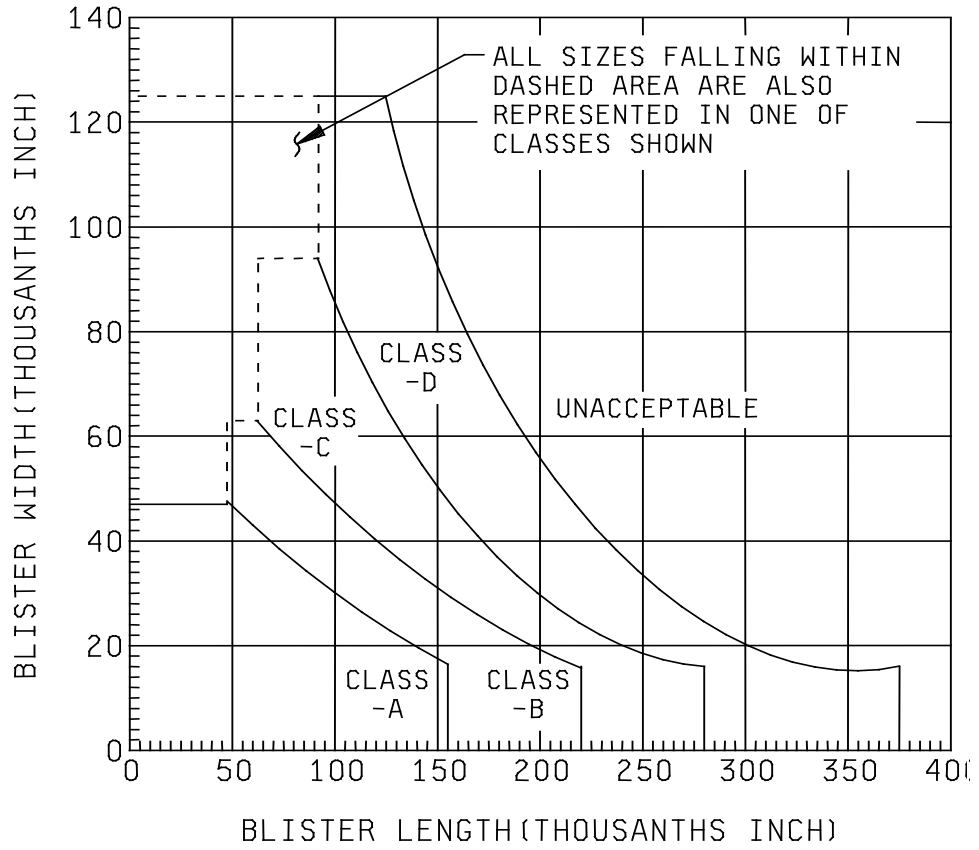


FIGURE D-1. Classification of soft glass unbroken blister sizes.

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b. Hard glass blisters.

- (1) Open-surface blisters .031 inch (.79 mm) or more. Accept if raw edges of the open-surface blisters are finished off..... Minor
- (2) Buried or unbroken blisters (class A or B, glass). No attempt shall be made to break unbroken blisters..... Minor

Reject if: Four or more blisters with a maximum dimension of more than .188 inch (4.78 mm) occur in any area bounded by a one inch (25.4 mm) circle, or 13 or more blisters with a maximum dimension between .031 inch (.79 mm) and .047 inch (1.19 mm) occur in any area bounded by a one inch (25.4 mm) circle, or size of any blister is greater than specified for acceptable unbroken blisters.

D.4.1.3 Scratches. Scratches on the envelope that exceed .010 inch (.25 mm) in width and aggregate length of more than 3.00 inches (76.2 mm)..... Minor

D.4.1.4 Glass adhered. Maximum dimension of adhered glass more than .094 inch (2.39 mm)..... Minor

D.4.1.5 Checks and cracks. Crack extending into or through the wall of the glass envelope. This does not include surface checks or cracks due to impact, that are less than .04 inch (1.02 mm) in the largest surface dimension..... Major 1

D.4.1.6 Scale. Acceptable scale on hard glass bulbs ..... Minor

D.4.1.7 Glass knots (hard glass). Maximum dimensions and number of knots greater than specified. Maximum total length of string of knots shall be 6 inches (152.4 mm) in one envelope..... Minor

D.4.1.8 Tip defects.

- a. Sharp tips. Sharp, chipped, or stringy..... Minor
- b. Re-entrant (sucked-in) exhaust tip. Re-entrant depth more than one-third of tip diameter ..... Control

D.4.2 Metal envelope defect classification.

D.4.2.1 Dents.

- a. Number. More than two dents in a tube..... Minor
- b. Depth. Any dent more than .031 inch (.79 mm) in depth ..... Minor

D.4.2.2 Paint finish.

- a. Crimping. The base wafer crimping process causes exposed body metal to a distance more than .094 inch (2.39 mm) above top edge of base wafer ..... Minor
- b. Mars and peeling blemishes. Combined total area of exposed metal more than .250 inch (6.35 mm) by .125 inch (3.18 mm), or equivalent area ..... Minor
- c. Scratches. A scratch on the painted surface exposing body metal more than a half inch (12.7 mm) in length for metal receiving tube types or 2 inches (50.8 mm) in length for other types ..... Minor

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D.4.3 Base, base pin, insert, and cap defect classification.

D.4.3.1 Thermosetting plastic bases.

D.4.3.1.1 Side blisters.

a. Buried or unbroken surface. Outside diameter of base more than maximum.  
(Unbroken blisters shall be subjected only to pressure of a fingernail)..... Major 1

b. Open blisters.

(1) Size. Any single open-surface blisters more than .125 by .125 inch  
(3.18 mm), or equivalent area..... Minor

(2) Number. More than five open-surface blisters more than .030 inch (.76 mm) in  
maximum dimension..... Minor

D.4.3.1.2 Bottom blisters.

a. Position. Blisters connecting any two base pins ..... Major 1

b. Height. Blister more than .010 inch (.25 mm) in height..... Major 1

c. Type. Open-surface blisters more than .030 inch (.76 mm) in maximum dimension.  
(Unbroken blisters shall be subjected only to pressure of a fingernail)..... Minor

D.4.3.1.3 Guide lug blisters. Outside diameter of lug more than maximum..... Major 1

D.4.3.1.4 Chips.

a. Size. Chips less than .030 inch (.76 mm) in maximum dimension shall be accepted.

b. Depth. Individual chips more than .031 inch (.79 mm) in depth..... Minor

c. Area. Chips more than .125 by .125 inch (3.18 mm) or equivalent area..... Minor

d. Location.

(1) Corner chips. Corner chips extending more than .125 inch (3.18 mm) along  
any of the intersecting surfaces ..... Control

(2) Guide lug key. Guide lug key chips more than .030 inch (.76 mm) in longest  
dimension ..... Minor

D.4.3.1.5 Combinations. More than five open-surface blisters or five chipped places..... Minor

D.4.3.1.6 Cracks. Any cracks ..... Major 1

D.4.3.1.7 Scratches. Base scratch over .750 inch (19.05 mm) long and having sufficient depth to  
definitely catch a fingernail (scratches which do not catch a fingernail shall not be rejected) ..... Control

D.4.3.2 Ceramic bases.

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D.4.3.2.1 <u>Chips.</u>	
a. Depth. Individual chips more than .031 inch (.79 mm) in depth.....	Minor
b. Area. Chips more than .125 by .125 inch (3.18 mm), or equivalent area.....	Minor
c. Location.	
(1) Corner. Corner chips extending more than .125 inch (3.18 mm) along any of the intersecting surfaces.....	Minor
(2) Guide lug key. Guide lug key chipped.....	Major 1
D.4.3.2.2 <u>Combinations.</u> More than five open-surface blisters or five chipped places.....	Minor
D.4.3.2.3 <u>Cracks.</u>	
a. Deep cracks. Any body cracks .....	Major 1
b. Glaze cracks.	
(1) Any glaze cracks extending from one pin to another.....	Minor
(2) Any other glaze cracks.....	Control
D.4.3.2.4 <u>Scratches.</u> Base scratched.....	Control
D.4.3.3 <u>Metal bases.</u>	
D.4.3.3.1 <u>Dents.</u>	
a. Number. More than two dents in a tube.....	Minor
b. Depth. Any dent more than .031 inch (.79 mm) in depth.....	Minor
D.4.3.3.2 <u>Plating.</u>	
a. A scratch exposing base metal more than .500 inch (12.70 mm) in length .....	Minor
b. Scratches not exposing base metal.....	Control
D.4.3.3.2.1 <u>Peeling and blistering.</u>	
a. Any peeling of plating where plating is required for electrical reasons .....	Major 1
b. Peeling of plating where appearance is seriously affected .....	Minor
c. Peeling of plating, or blisters, where appearance is involved, provided the appearance of the tube is not seriously affected .....	Control
D.4.3.4 <u>Base pins.</u>	
D.4.3.4.1 <u>Bayonet pins.</u>	
a. Lateral motion. Total lateral motion more than .016 inch (.41 mm).....	Minor

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b. Rotation.

- (1) The staked bayonet pin rotates, but cannot be pushed into base wall ..... Control
- (2) Unstaked pin rotates ..... Minor

D.4.3.4.2 Contact pins.

- a. Lateral motion. Total lateral motion of contact pins, other than pins sealed directly in glass, more than .031 inch (.79 mm) at pin tip when moved with the fingers ..... Minor
- b. Rotation. Any contact pin rotation..... Minor
- c. Alignment. Pin alignment not conforming to pin alignment gauge when gauge is specified..... Minor

D.4.3.4.2.1 Increased diameter by solder. Maximum diameter by presence of solder is more than that specified in table D-III..... Minor

TABLE D-III. Increased diameter of contact pin.

Bogey pin diameter (base drawing)		Maximum diameter	
<u>Inch</u>	<u>mm</u>	<u>Inch</u>	<u>mm</u>
.093	(2.36)	.098	(2.49)
.125	(3.18)	.131	(3.33)
.156	(3.96)	.162	(4.11)
.187	(4.75)	.195	(4.95)
.312	(7.92)	.320	(8.13)

D.4.3.5 Base inserts.

D.4.3.5.1 Ceramic wafer.

- a. Deep cracks ..... Major 1
- b. Glaze cracks extending from any pin to another pin or to the sleeve ..... Minor

D.4.3.5.2 Glass. Unless otherwise specified, all cracks and chips on candelabra or other lamp bases with glass insulation shall be accepted.

D.4.3.6 Soft-solder defects.

- a. Loose or unsoldered wires. Loose or unsoldered wire or wires in pins or caps..... Major 1
- b. Exposed wire. More than .031 inch (.79 mm) of wire length exposed beyond end of pin or cap, or .031 inch (.79 mm) of wire length exposed beyond solder when end of pin or cap is concealed by solder..... Minor
- c. Excess solder on pin. Criteria specified in [D.4.3.4.2.1](#) shall be used.

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D.4.3.7 Envelope-to-base.

- a. Alignment.
  - (1) Envelope and base alignment for miniature types. The maximum angle between base and bulb shall be within  $90 \pm 3.5$  degrees ..... Minor
  - (2) Envelope and base alignment for subminiature types. The maximum angle between base and bulb shall be within  $90 \pm 5$  degrees ..... Control
  - (3) Envelope and base alignment for other than miniature and subminiature types. The maximum angle between base and bulb shall be  $90 \pm 2.5$  degrees ..... Minor
- b. Looseness. Any looseness of cemented junction of base ..... Major 1
- c. Excess cement.
  - (1) Cement protruding more than .062 inch (1.57 mm) on bases less than 1.500 inches (38.10 mm) in diameter ..... Minor
  - (2) Cement protruding more than .188 inch (4.78 mm) on bases 1.500 inches (38.10 mm) or more in diameter ..... Minor
- d. Voids.
  - (1) Bases used for tube support failing base, cap, and insert secureness test ..... Major 1
  - (2) Bases not used for tube support and voids not totaling more than one-eighth of tube circumference ..... Control

D.4.3.8 Wafer-to-base or envelope

- a. Rotation. Total rotational movement of wafer with respect to crimped metal more than .031 inch (.79 mm) when tried with the fingers ..... Minor
- b. Lateral motion. Any movement separating any part of the wafer away from the crimped metal more than .016 inch (.41 mm) when tried with the fingers ..... Minor
- c. Crimping. The base-wafer crimping process causes exposed body metal to a distance more than .094 inch (2.39 mm) above top edge of base ..... Minor

D.4.3.9 Cap-to-envelope.

- a. Alignment. Centerline of cap departing from centerline of bulb by more than 10 percent of diameter of dome ..... Minor
- b. Looseness. Any looseness of cemented junction of cap ..... Major 1
- c. Rotation. Total rotation movement from cap to envelope of metal tubes more than 15 degrees when tried with the fingers ..... Minor
- d. Excess cement. Excess cement protruding more than .031 inch (.79 mm) from edge of cap with contact diameter of .375 inch (9.35 mm) or less, or more than .062 inch (1.57 mm) from edge of cap with contact diameter more than .375 inch (9.53 mm) ..... Minor

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- e. Dents.
  - (1) Any dent more than .031 inch (.79 mm) in depth ..... Minor
  - (2) More than two dents greater than .010 inch (.25 mm) in depth..... Minor
- f. Welds. Any missing welds ..... Minor
- D.4.4 Lead defect classification.
  - a. Unconnected. Except where intended ..... Major 1
  - b. Condition.
    - (1) Leads knotted or severely kinked..... Control
    - (2) Frayed leads (stranded conductors). More than 10 percent of the strands broken ..... Major 1

NOTE: The free ends of broken strands shall be removed.
- D.4.5 Internal defect classification.
  - D.4.5.1 Spot welding. Broken, open or not welded..... Major 1
  - D.4.5.2 Cracked micas. Cracked through, except for bumper point..... Control
  - D.4.5.3 Plates fused. In the active area of the plate, fused or incipient melting (holes or blisters) due to bombardment..... Control
  - D.4.5.4 Getter area. Getter not flashed; getter missing or detached ..... Major 1
  - D.4.5.5 Getter peel. Peeled or blistered more than .031 inch (.79 mm) in longest dimension for subminiature tubes, and .062 inch (1.57 mm) in longest dimension for all other tubes..... Minor
  - D.4.5.6 Loose particles in any part of finished tube.
    - D.4.5.6.1 Application. In addition to the criteria specified in D.5.5.6.2 through [D.4.5.6.4](#), the following paragraphs specify applicable revised criteria for the particular tube family indicated:

<u>Type of tube</u>	<u>Paragraph</u>
Miniature and subminiature receiving	<a href="#">D.5.4.2</a>
Transmitting and power rectifier	<a href="#">D.6.2.5</a>

NOTE: Tubes with debatable particles shall remain in the sample and shall be subjected to the particles indicator test, MIL-STD-1311 method 1206.

- D.4.5.6.2 Non-conducting particles.
  - a. Micas.
    - (1) Any single particle more than .375 inch (9.53 mm) in longest dimension..... Minor
    - (2) More than five of the mica particles more than .031 inch (.79 mm) in longest dimension ..... Minor

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b. Other non-conducting particles.

- (1) Any single particle more than .125 inch (3.18 mm) in longest dimension..... Minor
- (2) More than three of the particles greater than .016 inch (.41 mm) in longest dimension ..... Minor

D.4.5.6.3 Conducting particles. Any particle whose largest dimension is more than three-fourths of the design minimum inter-element spacing (except heater cathode) or .016 inch (.41 mm), whichever is greater, but in any case, not more than .062 inch (1.57 mm) ..... Major 2

D.4.5.6.4 Debatable particles. Loose particles that cannot be seen or that by visual means alone cannot be determined to be of a conducting or of a non-conducting nature. If a decision on acceptance or rejection cannot be made, the individual tube in question shall be subjected to the particles indicator test, MIL-STD-1311 method 1206..... Major 2

D.4.6 Missing or incorrect marking. Etch or brand is incorrect, or not legible ..... Major 1

Note: When impractical to etch or brand the tubes during manufacturing processes because of production techniques, this inspection shall be performed after the permanence of marking test (MIL-STD-1311 method 1105) when applicable, and at any time after final marking in accordance with 3.5 has been completed.

D.4.7 Vacuum seal (metal-to-glass) defect classification.

D.4.7.1 Copper-to-glass feather-edge seals.

a. Color.

- (1) Black seals and seal colors outside range of light straw to deep red, inclusive (and brownish green for code 7052 glass) ..... Major 1
- (2) Non-acceptable color more than 25 percent of the seal width, or .062 inch (1.57 mm), whichever is less..... Minor

b. Shale (parting of the glass and the metal). Width of shale more than 25 percent of the seal width ..... Major 1

c. Cracks. Spent external circumferential or moon cracks more than 25 percent of the seal width from the glass edge, or more than .094 inch (2.39 mm), whichever is less..... Major 1

d. Bubbles.

- (1) Loss of seal width due to bubbles is more than one-third ..... Minor
- (2) Any single bubble more than one-sixth of the seal circumference ..... Minor
- (3) Combined length of all bubbles more than one-third of the seal circumference ..... Minor







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D.4.7.3 Metallic rod-to-glass seals. Checks in envelope seals with external bosses.

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|---|---------|
| a. Axial check exceeding in depth one-third of length of glass-to-metallic seal ..... | Major 1 |
| b. Radial checks extending more than .125 inch (3.18 mm) from the pin .....           | Major 1 |

D.4.8 Air-cooled, fin-type radiator defect classification.

D.4.8.1 Solder obstruction. Solder between the fins completely around the edge of the envelope and inside the circumference of the outer shell up to .031 inch (.79 mm) or five percent of the fin width, whichever is greater. In addition, 10 percent of the spaces between the fins may be filled with solder up to 25 percent of the radial fin width .....

Control

Note: Fillets shall be accepted at all corners.

D.4.9 Surface conditions of die-cast aluminum sheeting. Sizes of flaws such as chipouts, unfilled areas, and blow holes shall conform to the limits specified in [D.4.9.1](#). The filling material for such flaws shall be approved by the magnet user.

D.4.9.1 Limits.

- a. Blow holes less than .030 inch (.76 mm) in diameter shall be accepted.
- b. The maximum acceptable dimension (except as indicated for periphery of a cast or machined hole) of any defect, regardless of plug size specified, shall be .375 inch (9.53 mm). In areas other than the periphery of cast or machined holes provided for assembly or mounting purposes, blow holes shall not accept a gauge of the maximum size or appear with greater frequency than is indicated in the following:
  - (1) Not more than five flaws .045 inch (1.14 mm) to .094 inch (2.39 mm), in a .500 inch (12.70 mm) diameter circle.
  - (2) Not more than 20 flaws .030 inch (.76 mm) to, but not including, .045 inch (1.14 mm), in a .500 inch (12.70 mm) diameter circle.
  - (3) Not more than a combination of 10 of the above flaws in a .500 inch (12.70 mm) diameter circle.
- c. The maximum acceptable dimension of any defect occurring in the periphery of a cast or machined hole provided for assembly or mounting use, regardless of plug size specified, shall be .187 inch (4.75 mm). Not more than two defects shall appear in any periphery of a cast or machined hole.
- d. Any defect capable of accepting the maximum plug gauge listed shall be filled, and the filler surface shall be made to conform to the shape of the adjacent surfaces.
- e. Die-casting-holding-pin depressions, approximately .250 inch (6.35 mm) in diameter, uniform in size and location, shall be accepted.
- f. Separation of aluminum cover and magnet shall not exceed .031 inch (.79 mm) where visible or exposed.

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D.5 ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR MINIATURE AND SUBMINIATURE RECEIVING TUBES

D.5.1 Instructions. Internal and external defects shall be combined. A 10-power magnification shall be used for the defects described in the following paragraphs of this appendix:

D.4.1.8	D.5.3.2	D.5.4.2
D.4.5.1	D.5.3.3	D.5.4.3
D.4.5.2	D.5.3.4	D.5.4.5.1
D.5.2.1	D.5.4.1	

The requirements of D.4 to D.4.6, inclusive, of this appendix, shall be supplemented or amended by the requirements of D.5.2 to D.5.4.5.2, inclusive, of this appendix. Debatable tubes (tubes which cannot be determined to conform to any criteria of D.4.1.4 to D.4.1.8, inclusive, or D.5.2.1 or D.5.4.3 of this appendix) shall be subjected to the envelope strain test specified in MIL-STD-1311 method 2126. A tube passing the envelope strain test shall be considered acceptable under the visual inspection paragraph for which the tube was originally questioned. A tube failing the envelope strain tests shall be classified a defective under the visual inspection paragraph for which the tube was originally questioned.

D.5.2 Glass envelopes.

D.5.2.1 Chipped-out sections on external surface. Any chips deeper than .010 inch (.25 mm) or more than 1-1/2 mm in maximum dimension on the straight portion of the bulb, or on the header..... Minor

D.5.2.2 Re-entrant exhaust tip. Re-entrant depth more than one-third of the tip diameter ..... Minor

D.5.2.3 Seals.

D.5.2.3.1 Blisters in dumet seals. Total length of blister-free seal less than twice the dumet wire diameter..... Minor

D.5.2.3.2 Size. Tube does not fit applicable outline gauge..... Control

D.5.3 Leads.

D.5.3.1 Missing pins or leads..... Major 1

D.5.3.2 Corrosion (header and leads). Any corrosion of material causing a leakage path on the header, or any corrosion in the lead recesses of the header or on the leads..... Minor

D.5.3.3 Burned dumet leads. Copper sheath has been burned through outside of the envelope..... Minor

D.5.3.4 Tinning defects (refer to 3.4.6 and 6.7).

a. Tinning splashes. Foreign material adhering to the outside surface, or globules of tin adhering to the header of the untinned portion of the leads ..... Minor

b. Inadequate tinning. Bare spot encircling lead, or any spot .04 inch (1.02 mm) long or more, except within .05 inch (1.27 mm) or more than 1.50 inches (38.1 mm) from glass..... Control

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<p>c. Excessive tinning. Maximum lead diameter is more than specified on the outline drawing from .05 inch (1.27 mm) to .25 inch (6.35 mm) from the base of the tube; or the lead diameter from .25 inch (6.35 mm) to 1.5 inches (38.1 mm) from the base of the tube is more than the maximum diameter by .021 inch (.53 mm). A micrometer shall be used for measurement.....</p>	<p>Minor</p>
<p>d. Lumpy tinning. Lumpy tinning shall be accepted if the lead diameter in individual spots is not more than one and one-half times the bogey lead diameter.....</p>	<p>Control</p>
<p>e. Incomplete tinning. Tinned portion of the lead does not extend to within .05 inch (1.27 mm) of the header .....</p>	<p>Minor</p>
<p>D.5.4 <u>Internal defect classification.</u></p>	
<p>D.5.4.1 <u>Welds (other defects).</u> Either element of a weldment reduced by more than one-half of its formed cross-sectional area, or splash from weld present on any element other than in original weld area. ....</p>	<p>Control</p>
<p>D.5.4.1.1 <u>Weldments (detached).</u> Weldments that become detached.....</p>	<p>Major 1</p>
<p>D.5.4.2 <u>Loose particles.</u></p>	
<p>D.5.4.2.1 <u>Procedure.</u> All tubes shall be tapped in an upright position by the standard tapping procedure (specified in MIL-STD-1311 method 1201). Immediately after tapping, the tube shall be visually inspected for loose particles by rotating it about the main axis in a horizontal position. Tubes with debatable particles shall remain in the sample and shall be subjected to the particles indicator test, MIL-STD-1311 method 1206.</p>	
<p>D.5.4.2.2 <u>Non-conducting particles.</u> Loose particles with a maximum dimension of more than .062 inch (1.57 mm) .....</p>	<p>Minor</p>
<p>D.5.4.2.3 <u>Conducting particles.</u></p>	
<p>a. Subminiature tubes. Loose particles with a maximum dimension of more than three-fourths of the nominal minimum inter-element spacing (except heater cathode) or .003 inch (.08 mm), whichever is greater.....</p>	<p>Major 2</p>
<p>b. Miniature tubes. Loose particles with a maximum dimension greater than .016 inch (.41 mm).....</p>	<p>Major 2</p>
<p>D.5.4.2.4 <u>Debatable particles.</u> Loose particles that cannot be seen or that by visual means alone cannot be determined to be conducting or non-conducting. If a decision on acceptance or rejection cannot be made, the individual tube in question shall be subjected to the particles indicator test, MIL-STD-1311 method 1206 .....</p>	<p>Major 2</p>
<p>D.5.4.2.5 <u>Dangling particles or slivers.</u> Dangling particles or slivers that are firmly attached shall be accepted. Debatable tubes shall be subjected to the particles indicator test, MIL-STD-1311 method 1206. The tube shall be considered acceptable if the particle is still attached at the conclusion of the particles indicator test.....</p>	<p>Major 2</p>
<p>D.5.4.3 <u>Metal touching envelope.</u> Metal parts of particles touching the envelope as identified by a white spot or check appearing in the glass (unless specifically intended by design).....</p>	<p>Major 1</p>

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D.5.4.4 <u>Missing points on mica</u> . More than 25 percent of mica points on any mica that supports the tube structure.....	Control
D.5.4.5 <u>Heater coating defects</u> .	
D.5.4.5.1 <u>Chipped or cracked coating</u> .	
a. Heater coating on heater or heater legs missing or damaged exposing bare heater wire to within .020 inch (.51 mm) of entrance to cathode sleeve.....	Minor
b. Heater coating missing .020 inch (.51 mm) from the cathode or beyond exposing bare wire length exceeding the diameter of the coated heater wire .....	Control
c. Heater coating missing or exposing bare wire, length exceeding the diameter of the coated heater wire, when bare heater wire is contained within the cathode sleeve .....	Minor
D.5.4.5.2 <u>Uncoated heater wire</u> . Uncoated heater wire exceeding .062 inch (1.57 mm) measured from perimeter of weld toward the cathode .....	Minor
D.5.4.6 <u>Getter defects</u> .	
a. Getter peel. Peeled or blistered larger than .031 inch (.79 mm) in longest dimensions.....	Minor
b. Getter area. Getter flash covers an area of less than .062 square inch (1.57 square mm) .....	Minor
c. Burned getter. Getter burned through.....	Major 2
D.5.4.7 <u>Spacing</u> . Spacing less than .010 inch (.25 mm) between elements, supports, etc., outside of the mount spacers, except where specifically intended by design .....	Minor
D.5.4.8 <u>Cathode tabs</u> . Any evidence of tear or crack in cathode tab occurring below the cathode weld .	Minor
D.5.4.9 <u>Mica coating</u> . Clear mica path connecting any two adjacent elements exceeding in width the dimension of the smaller element (where coating is intended).....	Minor
D.6 ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR TRANSMITTING AND POWER RECTIFIER TUBES	
D.6.1 <u>Instructions</u> . Paragraphs D.3 to D.4.8 inclusive, of this appendix, as applicable, shall be supplemented or amended by D.6.2 to D.6.2.5.2, inclusive, of this appendix, as applicable.	
D.6.2 <u>Internal defect classification</u> . During the inspection of glass envelope tubes, the class of defect shall be determined in accordance with the following criteria.	
D.6.2.1 <u>Metal touching envelope</u> . Metal parts touching the envelope unless specifically intended by design.....	Major 1
D.6.2.2 <u>Anode coating</u> . Alloying of anode coating with anode basic material over 10 percent of the anode area as evidenced by shiny surfaces. Chipping or flaking of anode coating over 10 percent of the anode area .....	Minor

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D.6.2.3 Welds (other defects). An element of a weldment reduced by more than one-half of its formed cross-sectional area ..... Control

D.6.2.4 Alignment of parts. Tubes with misaligned internal parts shall be accepted providing they pass other specified electrical and mechanical tests and inspections ..... Control

D.6.2.5 Loose particles.

- a. With tube in an upright position, tap in accordance with procedure and tapping device specified in MIL-STD-1311 method 1201 for other than receiving tubes.

Note: In cases where the tap test is impractical due to design of application of the tube, for example, weight, size, mercury content, or operating position, the tapping may be omitted.

- b. After tapping, the tube shall be inspected for non-adhering particles by holding the tube in one hand with the dome approximately 45 degrees below horizontal position and strike lightly, three times on the fingertips of the other hand. The tube shall then be rotated about its main axis and inspected for loose particles.

D.6.2.5.1 Power rectifier tubes.

- a. Conducting particles. Two or more conducting particles, each having a dimension not greater than .031 inch (.79 mm)..... Major 1
- b. Non-conducting particles. Four or more non-conducting particles, each having a dimension not greater than .062 inch (1.57 mm)..... Minor

D.6.2.5.2 Other transmitting tubes.

- a. Conducting particles. Any particle whose largest dimension is more than three-fourths of the design minimum inter-element spacing (except heater cathode) or .016 inch (.41 mm), whichever is greater, but in any case, not more than .062 inch (1.57 mm)..... Major 2
- b. Non-conducting particles.
  - (1) Glass slivers in tubes with metal-glass ring seals. Any tube containing loose slivers where two or more slivers, each exceeding .156 inch (3.96 mm) longest dimension for seals 1.500 inches (38.10 mm) diameter or smaller, or three or more slivers each exceeding .250 inch (6.35 mm) longest dimension for seals larger than 1.500 inches (38.10 mm) diameter..... Minor
  - (2) Tubes without metal-glass ring seals. Any tube containing loose non-conducting particles, exceeding .125 (3.18 mm) inch longest dimension in envelopes 2.500 inches (63.50 mm) diameter or smaller or exceeding .188 inch (4.78 mm) longest dimension in envelopes over 2.500 inches (63.50 mm) diameter ..... Minor
  - (3) Loose emission coating. Any tube containing three or more loose emission coating flakes, each exceeding .062 inch (1.57 mm) in longest dimension for tubes with filament power up to 40 watts, or five or more flakes, each exceeding .062 inch (1.57 mm) longest dimension for tubes with filament power of 40 watts or over..... Minor

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D.7 ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR CATHODE-RAY TUBES

D.7.1 Instructions. Paragraphs D.3 to D.4.8 inclusive, of this appendix, as applicable, shall be supplemented or amended by D.7.2 through D.7.3 of this appendix. This criteria applies to tubes of questionable quality only.

D.7.2 Screen and faceplate defects evaluation and classification. All screen and faceplate glass defects shall be classified as major 1 defects and assigned a group number.

- a. Classification of screen and faceplate glass defects. All screen and faceplate glass defects shall be classified into one of the following groups:

- Group 1 . . . . . Dead spots
- Group 2 . . . . . Shaded or mottled area
- Group 3 . . . . . Face contour variations
- Group 4 . . . . . Surface blemish
- Group 5 . . . . . Color spot (cathode-ray tubes only)

- b. Examples of common defects and applicable group numbers are as follows:

<u>Defect</u>	<u>Group</u>
Blister (except that clear buried or unbroken surface blister which meets the requirements of D.7.2.4 of this appendix shall not be considered as defects).....	1
Bruise or bruise check.....	1
Bull's-eye top .....	3
Carbonized mold (or plunger).....	4
Chill wrinkle .....	4
Cold glass .....	4
Color spot .....	5
Color streak .....	2
Cord .....	4
Dirt on mold (or plunger).....	1
Impact mark (outside surface) .....	4
Lap (inside surface).....	4
Loading mark .....	2
Mold mark .....	2
Oil spot .....	4
Rust, rouge, or scale .....	1
Spew .....	2



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Stone or embedded dirt..... 1

Suck-up or rundown ..... 3

D.7.2.1 Spot defects.

- a. Maximum sizes of non-elongated spots. Spots that are not elongated and are less than the dimensions specified below shall be acceptable:

<u>Type of spot</u>	<u>Inch</u>
Dead.....	.015 ( .38 mm)
Bright.....	.015 ( .38 mm)
Color.....	.040 (1.02 mm)

Spots that are not elongated and are more than the dimension specified above shall be assessed in accordance with tables D-IV, D-V, and D-VI.

- b. Elongated spots.

- (1) Elongated spots of any length whose maximum width is .010 inch (.25 mm) or less will be acceptable.
- (2) Elongated spots between .010 inch (.25 mm) and .020 inch (.51 mm) in width whose length is .500 inch (12.70 mm) or less shall be included in the assessment of the total number of spots in accordance with tables D-IV, D-V, and D-VI. A tube shall be considered defective if it has elongated spots between .010 inch (.25 mm) and .020 inch (.51 mm) in width and more than .500 inch (12.70 mm) in length.
- (3) The diameter of elongated spots whose width is more than .020 inch (.51 mm) shall be taken as half the sum of the length and width. The resultant diameter shall be assessed in accordance with tables D-IV, D-V, and D-VI.

- c. Size, number, and separation of spot defects. A tube shall be considered defective if the size and number of spots are more than or the separation of spots is less than, the values specified in tables D-IV, D-V, and D-VI.

TABLE D-IV. Acceptable spots (envelopes up to 7-1/2 inches in diameter or diagonal).

Type of spot	Maximum diameter		Number in one tube	Of which not more than	Are more than		Minimum separation	
	<u>Inch</u>	<u>mm</u>			<u>Inch</u>	<u>mm</u>	<u>Inch</u>	<u>mm</u>
Dead (blown envelopes)	.060	1.52	15	7	.030	.76	.250	6.35
Dead (pressed-face envelopes)	.040	1.02	15	5	.030	.76	.250	6.35
Bright	.040	1.02	6	2	.030	.76	.250	6.35
Color	.060	1.52	10	2	.050	1.27	.250	6.35









APPENDIX E

PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING FIRST ARTICLE TESTING

E.1 SCOPE

E.1.1 Scope. This appendix establishes the procedure and criteria for conducting first article testing when specified in the TSS. The information contained herein is intended for compliance. This appendix is a mandatory part of this specification.

E.2 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS. This section is not applicable to this document.

E.3 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a. This procedure provides for first article testing when specified in the TSS. First article testing is specified for TSS's that have no qualified source of supply listed on QPL-1 and for acquisitions awarded to non-QPL sources (when QPL-sources are non-responsive to invitation for bids).
- b. The contract must specify the applicable document(s) for first article testing. First article inspection shall be performed by the supplier after award of contract and prior to production, at a location acceptable to the Government. First article inspection shall be performed on sample units that have been produced with equipment and procedures normally used in production. Unless specified in TSS or in contract the sample sizes and acceptance criteria for first article testing shall be accordance with [table II](#) of this specification (sample and acceptance criteria for qualification).
- c. Approval of the first article specimens is required prior to delivery of units on the contract and shall be obtained from the acquiring activity. The fabrication of production units prior to approval of the specimens shall be at the manufacturer's risk.
- d. Failures in any of the examinations or tests shall be cause for refusal to grant first article approval of the TSS represented by the sample unit.
- e. With approval from the acquiring activity, sample units which have been subjected to first article testing can be delivered on contract or purchase order.

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